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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
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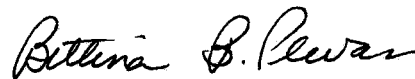
Re: **Nomination of Judge Douglas Leroy Rayes to the
United States District Court for the District of Arizona**

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Judge Douglas Leroy Rayes who has been nominated for a position on the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. As a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the opinion that Judge Rayes is Unanimously Well Qualified for this position.

A copy of this letter has been provided to Judge Rayes.

Sincerely,



Bettina B. Plevan
Chair

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cc: The Honorable Douglas Leroy Rayes (via email)
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This letter was sent to Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member of the Minority Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6275 on September 20, 2013.