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**VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
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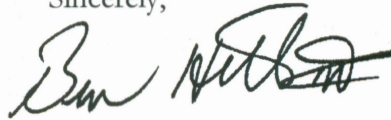
***Re: Nomination of Michael W. Fitzgerald  
To the United States District Court  
for the Central District of California***

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Michael W. Fitzgerald who has been nominated for a position on the United States District Court for the Central District of California. As a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Fitzgerald is "Well Qualified" for the position.

A copy of this letter has been provided to Michael W. Fitzgerald.

Sincerely,



Benjamin H. Hill, III  
Chair

cc: Michael W. Fitzgerald  
The Honorable Kathy Ruemmler  
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