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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
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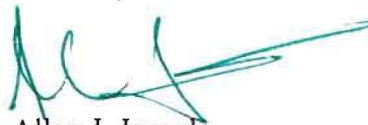
***Re: Nomination of George L. Russell, III
To the United States District Court for the District of Maryland***

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of George L. Russell, III who has been nominated for a position on the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. As a result of our investigation, a Substantial Majority of the Committee is of the opinion that Judge Russell is "Qualified". A Minority of the Committee is of the opinion that Judge Russell is "Not Qualified" for this position.

A copy of this letter has been provided to Mr. Russell.

Sincerely,



Allan J. Joseph
Chair

cc: George L. Russell, III
The Honorable Kathy Ruemmler
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