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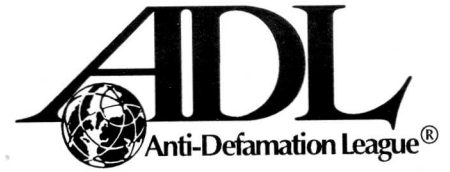
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March 9, 2010

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Gary Scott Feinerman/Nominee to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

On behalf of the Anti-Defamation League, I am writing to strongly support President Obama's nomination of Gary Scott Feinerman to serve as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

I have known Gary for many years – and his contributions to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) have been extensive. He has served on the League's Greater Chicago/Upper Midwest Regional Board since January 1997 and co-chaired Chicago's Civil Rights Committee from 2003 to 2009.

Gary has always embraced his role as an ADL leader and has actively participated in a variety of programs. Every summer Gary leads a Civil Rights Committee meeting composed of Board members and other supporters at which recent Supreme Court decisions are reviewed with regard to ADL-oriented subjects. His ability to articulate complex legal issues for both attorneys and non-attorneys has earned him a great deal of respect and admiration.

For a number of years Gary has co-chaired Chicago's Summer Associate Research Project. This project enlists young attorneys to provide cutting-edge legal research on contemporary civil rights issues and helps them to recognize the importance of *pro bono* work. Gary has served as a member of ADL's National Civil Rights Committee and as an Associate National Commissioner. He has been generous with his time and has often provided wise counsel to staff and lay leaders – regionally and nationally.

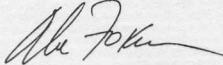
He has been an outspoken supporter of religious liberty, an appropriate balance between national security concerns and individual rights, and equal treatment for all. In recognition of his many contributions to ADL, Gary was honored as Chicago's Lay Leader of the Year in 2007.

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In addition to his work for the ADL, Gary has extensive litigation and courtroom experience, having served as a clerk for Judge Joel M. Flaum of the Seventh Circuit, for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court, and as the Solicitor General of Illinois from 2003 to 2007. He has argued a number of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, and the Illinois Supreme Court.

I know Gary to have an excellent temperament and sound judgment. I strongly believe that, if given the privilege of serving as a member of the federal judiciary, Gary would conduct himself as he has in his long service to ADL, in his law practice, and in his public service – conscientiously, with distinction, commitment, and honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Abraham H. Foxman", with a stylized, flowing script.

Abraham H. Foxman
National Director

cc: Jess N. Hordes, ADL Washington Director