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Dear Senators:

My name is Don Williams. I am a retired Vice President of an adolescent treatment facility, a former firefighter, a veteran of the Vietnam war, and a registered independent. I am also the father of Eric Williams, a federal corrections officer that was ambushed and killed in the line of duty, having been stabbed more than 200 times by a prisoner already serving a life sentence for murder. Since that terrible event, I have devoted my life to ensuring that my son's death would not be in vain. I successfully advocated for the passage of the Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act, which would help keep corrections officers safe while on duty by allowing them to carry pepper spray. I also served as the former President of Voice of JOE, an organization founded by the families of fallen Federal Corrections Officers. Our group's legislative priority was Eric's Law, a bill that would ensure that those guilty of the worst offenses imaginable are held accountable for their crimes.

During my advocacy for Eric's Law, I met Nick Ganjei, who, at the time, was counsel for Senator Ted Cruz. Mr. Ganjei was kind, accessible, and genuinely cared about my family's story. I understand that Mr. Ganjei was nominated for the position of federal judge, and I think he would be excellent in the role. He is experienced and conscientious, and will serve with great distinction.

In the American justice system, the rights of victims are often unfortunately forgotten. While I have no doubt that Mr. Ganjei will uphold the constitutional rights of the accused, I also know that he will also give victims a fair chance to be heard, and I am confident that their voice will be respected.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Mr. Ganjei for the position of federal judge.

Yours truly,
Don Williams

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