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Senator Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
437 Russell Senate Building
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

I have been on the bench for thirty-three years. I carry a 50 percent caseload, maintain a full-time office, and am available for services in my district as may be required. I don't expect you to remember me, but we have been on a few programs together involving different phases of the law, particularly expert testimony.

There has been a recent nomination of a highly unqualified candidate for the South Carolina federal bench, Magistrate Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks. She does not possess the qualifications for the position of U. S. District Judge. I would like to submit my objections to Magistrate Judge Hendricks' nomination either in writing, or, if necessary, a public appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee. I have a disability caused by two strokes, and it is difficult for me to walk. I am mostly confined to a wheelchair, which makes it difficult for me to travel, but to make certain that the Committee has opinions from both sides, I will be delighted [at my own expense] to make an appearance to openly oppose her appointment because she is not qualified to hold such a revered position in the law.

I was a former staff member of the late U. S. Senator Olin D. Johnston, and I am quite familiar with the judicial nomination/confirmation procedure. As such, I have already made my opinion known to Mr. E. Fitzgerald Parnell, III of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary. I would also like to register my objections to Magistrate Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks' nomination to you and your committee. If I do not hear from you, I will assume that my written objections will be a sufficient appearance.

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Incidentally, the President has received nominations for two U. S. District Court Judge positions in South Carolina. Judge Allison Lee is one of the candidates, and she is well-qualified. Magistrate Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks is the other nominee, and she is equally not qualified.

With kind, personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Ross Anderson, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

G. Ross Anderson, Jr.

cc: SC District Court Judges
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