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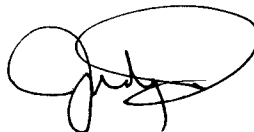
***Re: Nomination of Derrick K. Watson  
To the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii***

Dear Chairman Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Derrick K. Watson who has been nominated for a position on the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. As a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the opinion that Mr. Watson is Substantial Majority Well Qualified, Minority Qualified for this position.

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

Sincerely,



Judy Perry Martinez  
Chair

cc: **Derrick K. Watson  
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This letter was sent to Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member of the Minority Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-6275 on November 15, 2012.