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CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Confirmation Hearing for Judge Brett Kavanaugh

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

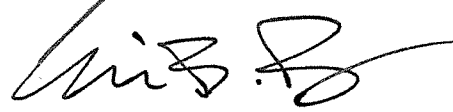
I have been retained to represent Patrick J. Smyth in connection with the above-referenced confirmation hearings. In an effort to help resolve the allegations by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford that are before the Judiciary Committee while balancing Mr. Smyth's own right to privacy, we respectfully offer the Committee the following statement that has been closely reviewed and approved by Mr. Smyth:

"I understand that I have been identified by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford as the person she remembers as 'PJ' who supposedly was present at the party she described in her statements to the Washington Post. I am issuing this statement today to make it clear to all involved that I have no knowledge of the party in question; nor do I have any knowledge of the allegations of improper conduct she has leveled against Brett Kavanaugh. Personally speaking, I have known Brett Kavanaugh since high school and I know him to be a person of great integrity, a great friend, and I have never witnessed any improper conduct by Brett Kavanaugh towards women. To safeguard my own privacy and anonymity, I respectfully request that the Committee accept this statement in response to any inquiry the Committee may have."

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I trust this information will be helpful to the Judiciary Committee's efforts in connection with Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric B. Bruce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric B. Bruce
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