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Dear Dr. Blasey Ford,

Thank you for the personal letter you sent to me on Saturday.

I'm writing to say that I am committed to fair and respectful treatment of you, as you've requested. I've worked to make certain the committee I chair handles all individuals involved in hearings in that manner, and you deserve the same.

I appreciate receiving your account of how you tried to share information with me during the summer. As chairman of the Judiciary Committee, I have great responsibility for the hearing to consider the President's nominee. I should have been given your July 30 letter at the time your letter was sent by either my colleague Sen. Feinstein or the lawyer helping you so that what it said could have been considered in August and during the week of September 4, when the committee hearing was held, including a senators-only session of the hearing. I take letters from individuals seriously and over a long period of time have demonstrated a commitment to handling personal or sensitive information in a confidential manner.

Even so, when your allegations were publicly reported on September 16 by *The Washington Post*, I went to work to investigate them with my committee resources by contacting and interviewing everyone whom the article indicates was present at the gathering in question. It's important to me that you personally know how sincere and thorough this effort has been, including my commitment to make sure committee members and other senators are able to hear directly from you. The arrangements made to re-open and continue the confirmation hearing on Thursday will allow you to testify and also will allow the nominee to address the allegations made against him. Both of you deserve a credible and fair process in a secure and professional setting.

Again, thank you for sending your letter. I appreciate the direct communication.

*PS: I look forward to
your testimony -*

Sincerely,



Chuck Grassley
United States Senator
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee