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1300 13th St. NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Hon. Chuck Grassley  
Chairman

Hon. Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member

Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Committee Hearings on the Nomination of Senator Jeffrey Sessions to be  
Attorney General of the United States

Dear Senators Grassley and Feinstein:

I was a trial attorney in the Voting Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1984 to 1988. I am currently an active member of the District of Columbia and New York Bars.

It has recently come to my attention that a number of media outlets are reporting that Senator Sessions was personally involved in the handling of certain Voting Rights Act cases that were pursued by the Department of Justice while he was the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. One of the cases that has been publically referenced in this context is *United States v. Demopolis, Alabama*, a case brought in 1986 by the Department to challenge the city's at-large voting system under Section Two of the Voting Rights Act (and settled that same year by Consent Decree). I was the lead attorney on this case, and handled the matter from inception to finish. My work included visits to Demopolis and to other sites in Marengo County, conduct of all informant interviews, historical research, US Census research, legal research, drafting of internal Department memorandum in support of filing the litigation, drafting of pleadings, and negotiation of the settlement. I traveled repeatedly to Demopolis during the course of this matter. In all matters, I was supervised by attorneys at the Civil Rights Division, in Washington. Mr. Sessions' only connection with this case was that we would have put his name on the pleadings, as we did routinely with court filings. He was not involved in the case in any other way. In fact, I myself have never met or spoken with Mr. Sessions on any occasion, then or since.

I was also co-counsel of portions of the Voting Rights Act litigation brought by the Department to challenge the at-large electoral systems in Marengo County, another case that has been referred to by the press, and one which Senator Sessions, himself, does actually claim to have worked on. I did not handle this case from start-to-finish, but did work extensively on the remand hearing held before Judge August Hand in Selma in 1985. See *Clark v. Marengo County Commission*, 623 F. Supp. 33 (S.D. Ala. 1985). Again, at no time

during my involvement in this case did I have any contact at all with Senator Sessions nor was I aware of any involvement by him. I also note that Senator Sessions' name is not listed on the parties appearing for the United States in the remand hearing. See 623 F. Supp 33.

I am at the service of the Committee should you need any additional information relevant to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Lehmann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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