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President George W. Bush
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ATT: Alberto R. Gonzalez, Counsel to the President

RE: REMOVING THE ABA FROM ITS PRIVILEGED,
SEMI-OFFICIAL ROLE IN THE FEDERAL
JUDICIAL SELECTION PROCESS

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

There is good and sufficient reason for *removing* the American Bar Association from its privileged, semi-official role in the federal judicial screening process having NOTHING to do with "partisan politics". Rather, it has to do with *documentary proof* that the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary does NOT meaningfully investigate candidate qualifications and, indeed, wilfully SCREENS OUT adverse information regarding candidate fitness. ABA leaders, including its presidents, have refused to redress the gross deficiencies exposed by this *documentary proof* -- repeatedly brought to their attention, over many, many years.

Reflecting this is a written statement that our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), presented to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in connection with its May 21, 1996 hearing on "The Role of the American Bar Association in the Judicial Selection Process". A copy is enclosed, as is CJA's informational brochure.

We trust you will want to examine for yourself the *documentary proof* that supports CJA's statement -- and look forward to your call so that arrangements can be made

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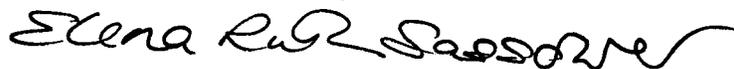
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to expeditiously transmit it to you. Please note that the ABA's Second Circuit representative on its Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary referred to in the statement as having received CJA's October 31, 1995 letter and, thereafter, returning the substantiating materials it transmitted in "untouched by human hands" condition, was none other than Patricia M. Hynes. Ms. Hynes now chairs the Standing Committee. As to her, CJA also has subsequent *documentation* establishing her complicity in other judicial ratings that flagrantly betray rudimentary procedures and the public trust.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Enclosures