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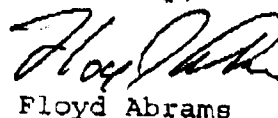
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

I was in the office today (Sunday) and had a chance to look quickly at your letter to me of July 24. I am afraid I am in the middle of two trials and will thus be unable to spend the sort of time that your extensive submission calls for to pass any sort of judgment on the matters raised by you. I can tell you that I have known both Mr. Finkelstein and Mr. Goodale for many years and I would be surprised if either one of them behaved in a fashion inconsistent with the spirit, let alone the text, of the First Amendment. That said, however, given my own schedule at this time, I will not be able to study the matters raised by you.

Sincerely,



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