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Chairman John A. DeFrancisco New York State Senate Judiciary Committee Albany, New York 12247

ATT: Carole Luther, Chief of Staff

RE:

Senate Judiciary Committee Confirmation Hearing on the Reappointment of New York

Court of Appeals Chief Judge Judith Kaye:

Requests to Testify by Doris L. Sassower & Eli Vigliano, Esq.

Dear Ms. Luther:

This letter confirms my telephone call to you this morning, Tuesday, February 13th, notifying you of my request to testify in opposition at the Senate Judiciary Committee's upcoming hearing to confirm Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye's reappointment as Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals. As stated, such testimony will relate to my direct, first-hand experience with Chief Judge Kaye, both in her judicial and administrative capacities.

I further informed you that Eli Vigliano, Esq. also wished to testify in opposition to the nomination, based on his experience with her as a New York Court of Appeals judge.

You stated that no hearing date has yet been set, but that it would not be for a couple of weeks. At my request, you took my telephone number and agreed to notify me when the date is fixed.

I additionally requested that you send me any and all publicly-available information pertaining to Chief Judge Kaye's qualifications and fitness and, specifically, whether there is a questionnaire she is required to complete for the Committee. You answered that there was a questionnaire, but that it was for the Committee's use only. Please clarify whether such questionnaire is the one Chief Judge Kaye completed for the Commission on Judicial Nomination, or if it is a separate Committee questionnaire.

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My professional credentials will be transmitted under separate cover.

Thank you for your prompt attention and courtesy.

Very truly yours,

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