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Dear Ms. Sassower:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the judicial selection process. I believe that there is a great need to fill vacancies in our court system.

When considering candidates for lifetime appointments to the federal bench, I have three standards: excellence, moderation, and diversity. By excellence, I mean legal excellence – they should be among the best the bar has to offer. Moderation means that there should be balance on the bench and that, ideally, judges should not be too far left or too far right. Finally, diversity should be properly accounted for in the nomination process.

The Senate is diligently working to review nominations and fill vacancies. Please be assured that I will continue to do everything I can to make sure the vacancies are filled with high quality nominees in an expeditious manner.

Again, thank you for contacting me on this important issue. I hope you will continue to share your views with me.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator

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