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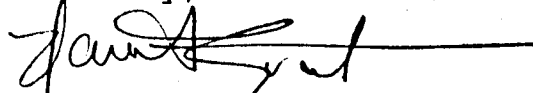
Dear Ms. Sassower:

This letter confirms that the Senate Judiciary Committee has received the Ninth Judicial Committee's critique of Andrew O'Rourke and your letter to Senator Mitchell regarding Mr. O'Rourke's nomination to the federal bench.

The committee is continuing its independent review of Mr. O'Rourke's qualifications for the federal bench, as it does with all nominees. Once the committee's investigation is complete, which would include the nominee's response to any concerns raised about him, all public investigative materials, including your critique, will be distributed to the members of the committee. Under committee policy and practice, however, your critique -- or any other documents stating concerns about a nominee -- will not be distributed until the committee's investigation is closed and all relevant information has been gathered and reviewed. In the meantime, of course, you should feel free to distribute directly your critique to any senators or interested individuals or groups.

Once again, I thank you for your interest in Mr. O'Rourke's nomination. When the investigative work on this nomination is concluded, your critique and all other relevant public materials relating to Mr. O'Rourke will be shared with and reviewed by the members of the committee.

Sincerely,



Harriet Grant
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