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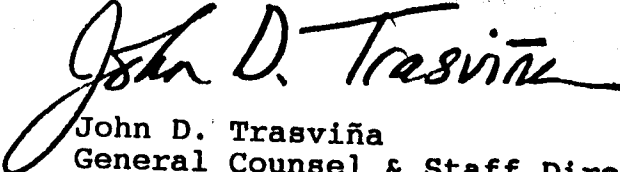
Dear Ms. Sassower:

Thank you for the materials which you delivered to my office when you were in Washington D.C. last month. Since we were unable to meet at that time, I have reviewed almost the entirety of your submission. Per your request, I am returning it to you with this letter.

As you may know, the Judiciary Committee did not proceed with the nomination of Andrew O'Rourke to the U.S. District Court. Should he be nominated in the 103rd Congress, you should probably resubmit any relevant materials to the Committee. With regard to your views on the American Bar Association's role in judicial nominations, I believe we simply disagree. The ABA rating is not dispositive on a nomination. While the rating does carry weight, I can assure you that information provided by individuals who know the nominee, who have practiced before him or her, or otherwise have an interest and contact us is given every consideration.

Again, thank you for providing Senator Simon's office articles and other information. Please feel free to contact me again during the 103rd Congress if you have additional views on judicial nominees.

Sincerely,



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