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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

MESSAGE:

We await your response.

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January 7, 1992

Senator Alfonse D'Amato
520 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3202

ATT: Michael Kinsella
Administrative Assistant

RE: Nomination of Andrew O'Rourke

Dear Mr. Kinsella:

Yesterday, January 6, 1992, I spoke to Lisa Moll of your New York office who advised me that you are the one to whom my information-requests should be directed.

Having not heard from you in response, I have, today, again spoken to Ms. Moll--who told me that she would leave a second message for you.

Since I note that the Congressional Directory lists you as Senator D'Amato's Administrative Assistant, it is appropriate that you be apprised that it is now seven weeks since the Ninth Judicial Committee first called the Senator's New York and Washington offices--speaking to Terry Mehen, Joe Kolinski, and Kevin Linsky.

As you know, on November 12, 1991 it was publicly announced that President Bush had approved Senator D'Amato's recommendation of Andrew O'Rourke for a federal judgeship.

Immediately thereafter, the Ninth Judicial Committee placed several calls to the Senator's offices requesting specific information as to (a) the basis for Senator D'Amato's recommendation of Mr. O'Rourke; and (b) the names of the individuals comprising the Senator's judicial screening panel.

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Indeed, the Senator was also sent a copy of our November 20, 1991 letter to Chairman Joseph Biden of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which referred to our aforesaid requests. In pertinent part, that letter read:

"We have requested that Senator D'Amato supply us with information as to the basis of his recommendation of Mr. O'Rourke for a federal judgeship..."

To date, we have heard nothing from the Senator's office--not even an acknowledgment of receipt of our November 20, 1991 letter.

We herewith enclose a second copy of that letter and renew our information-request.

Please advise us when we can expect to receive a response delineating the process by which Senator D'Amato made his recommendation--including who proposed Mr. O'Rourke's name to the Senator--and any and all supporting materials reviewed by the Senator's judicial screening panel, as to whose membership we also wish an identification.

Your expeditious response would be most appreciated.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER
Coordinator, Ninth Judicial Committee

Enclosure

cc: Senator Joseph Biden
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee