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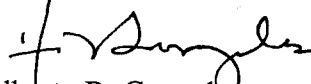
Dear Ms. Sassower:

President Bush has forwarded to me for response your letter of July 14, 2001 and the accompanying materials. While the President and I have great confidence in the competence and integrity of the federal judiciary, I appreciate your taking the time to share your perspective and forward the materials you submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee. As you requested, my staff has reviewed those materials.

As the Senate Judiciary Committee sets its agenda in the coming Congress, we will monitor its activities closely. As you know, the White House is not directly involved in the processes by which complaints of judicial misconduct are resolved; we do, however, have a general interest in all issues of relevance to the administration of justice, including judicial discipline. If developments in the legislature produce concrete proposals for change in this area, the Administration will undoubtedly formulate a policy position at the appropriate time. In the meantime, we will retain the materials you have forwarded in our files.

Please be assured that we share fully your goal of a fair and impartial judiciary that serves litigants well and responds responsibly to credible allegations of serious misconduct. On behalf of President Bush, I thank you once again for furnishing us with your viewpoints and supporting materials.

Sincerely,



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