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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

DATE: August 3, 1998

RE: Citizen Opposition to Senate confirmation of Alvin K. Hellerstein
District Court, Southern District, New York

Enclosed is CJA's letter of today's date to the Senate Judiciary Committee -- following up our July 30, 1998 letter to the Committee, copies of which we faxed you last week.

The Senate is in recess for the next month. Consequently, there is plenty of time to present a united front against Mr. Hellerstein's confirmation -- as well as on the larger issue of the thoroughly rubber-stamp and undemocratic fashion in which the Senate Judiciary Committee conducts its confirmation hearings.

Please let us hear from you as to whether and to what extent you will join us in "making a stand". As reflected by our letters, CJA's opposition to Mr. Hellerstein is based on his cover-up of the gross deficiencies in the federal judicial screening process, as documented by our 1992 critique -- copies of which you have. Such opposition is not a matter of this nominee's ideological or philosophical orientation, but of his demonstrated betrayal of the public trust in his capacity as Chairman of the City Bar's Judiciary Committee.

Elena Ruth Sassower

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