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RE: Common Cause's advocacy -- and coalition-building -- on the *non-partisan* issue of ensuring the *integrity* of the processes of federal judicial selection and discipline


Dear Mr. Davis:

As discussed, Senator Schumer's announcement of his intention to hold "at least" three more hearings on the federal judicial nominations process is an important opportunity for Common Cause to put before the Senate -- and the public -- its invaluable 1986 report: Assembly-Line Approval: A Common Cause Study of Senate Confirmation of Federal Judges -- and, in particular, to focus on the Report's *easily-implemented* recommendations for change -- most of which are unimplemented.

CJA's July 3, 2001 letter to Senator Schumer alerts him to the Common Cause report and unimplemented recommendations. Until you receive it by mail, faxed herewith is CJA's August 19, 1996 letter to you about building a *non-partisan* coalition to advance the report and recommendations, along with CJA's August 13, 1996 letter to Nan Aron of Alliance for Justice (with a copy to Mike Pendleton of Free Congress Foundation) reflecting CJA's efforts at forging such a coalition with them.

Hopefully, now, five years later, we building a *non-partisan* coalition -- and this, not only to ensure the *integrity* of the processes of judicial selection, but of the processes of judicial discipline. Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,


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Enclosures