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Dear Mr. Eaton:

This is to put on record the total disinterest of the Senator's staff in six months of investigative effort us, which culminated in our critique to the Senate Judiciary Committee. That critique, focusing on the nomination of Andrew O'Rourke to a judgeship in the Southern District of New York, was received by your office on or about May 18th.

Despite innumerable efforts to discuss our critique with you and other members of your staff--represented by a huge number of unanswered phone messages, as well as faxes from us--we came to understand that to the extent that Senator Moynihan has a meaningful commitment to a quality judiciary, it does not run to his staff.

Indeed, because no one in the Senator's office seemed at all interested in our critique, we finally requested its return. It arrived approximately 3 weeks ago--unaccompanied by even by a note of acknowledgement for the enormous achievement it represents.

Enclosed, FYI, is a copy of our Letter to the Editor, "Untrustworthy Ratings", which appeared in The New York Times on July 17th. When I called your office on that date to draw it to your attention, I was told that you were at the Democratic Convention. Subsequent attempts to speak with you were unsuccessful.

Also enclosed is a letter that we just sent to the new Chairman of the ABA's Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary.

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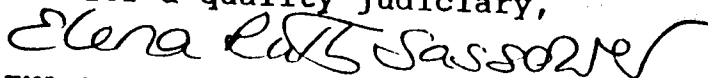
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We hope that the Senator will--even at this stage--demonstrate the leadership we expected at the outset.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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Enclosures:

- (a) New York Times, 7/17/92, "Untrustworthy Ratings"
- (b) 9/11/92 letter to Chairman Willis,
ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary

cc: Ms. Carol Farkas