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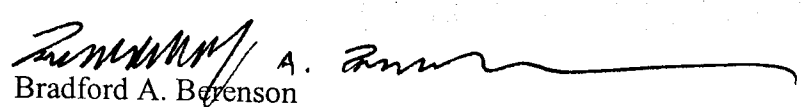
Dear Ms. Sassower:

On behalf of President Bush and Counsel to the President Alberto Gonzales, I wish to thank you for taking the time to write concerning the President's decision to end the ABA's special, quasi-official role in evaluating judicial nominees. We appreciate your support for the President's decision and look forward to receiving the views of all interested groups with respect to the President's judicial nominees.

We hope and expect that equal treatment for all groups interested in this process will help to ensure that a wide variety of views are considered and that only judges of the highest intellect, professional qualification, and integrity are appointed to the federal bench.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you once again for your correspondence.

Sincerely,


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