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Dear Ms. Sassower:

I am writing to advise you that your request to testify before the confirmation hearing of Judge Lawrence Kahn has been denied. However, if you would like to include written testimony specific to Mr. Kahn's nomination for the hearing record please forward this information to the Committee and it will be submitted.

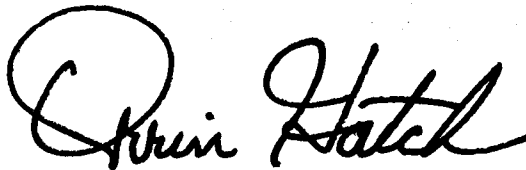
Regarding the questions you raised in your letter of April 26, 1996, the Committee's practice has been to not release ABA ratings publicly and prior to a nomination hearing. The ABA's letter of notification is marked confidential and is treated as such until a hearing. Unfortunately, I am not able to answer any questions regarding the President's use of the ABA rating. Those questions should be directed to the White House.

As explained to you previously, the Committee does not initiate contacts with outside organizations regarding judicial nominations. However, the Committee will respond to inquiries of a public nature.

The Judiciary Committee has no written guidelines in evaluating judicial nominees. Each candidate is reviewed on an individual basis by each Senator.

I trust I have responded to all the questions you previously raised regarding judicial nominees. Again, if you would like to submit written testimony regarding the nomination of Lawrence Kahn, please forward your testimony to the Committee as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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