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Senator Joseph R. Biden 489 SROB Washington, DC 20510-0801

Dear Senator Biden:

Although you have already received the report and favorable recommendation of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary relative to Judge Robert Bork's nomination for the U.S. Supreme Court, I wanted you to know of my views as well.

I served as president of the American Bar Association from July 1985 to August 1986. During that period in particular, but also before and after it, I have had repeated occassions to observe and reflect upon the performance and temperment of federal judges from the districts and circuits to the Supreme Court level. Based upon this experience, I am confident that Judge Bork will make an outstanding justice of our highest court. His academic credentials are peerless; his experience broad and inclusive; his dedication to the law and justice unquestionable. Accordingly I strongly urge you and the Senate Judiciary Committee to vote favorably on Judge Bork's nomination.

Sincerely,

William W. Falsgraf

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