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VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Member  
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Re: Nomination of Chief Judge Merrick B. Garland to the Supreme Court of the United States

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has completed its evaluation of the professional qualifications of Chief Judge Merrick Garland, whom the President nominated for the position of an Associate Justice on the United States Supreme Court. The Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Chief Judge Merrick Garland is “Well Qualified” for this position. One Committee member was recused from the evaluation and vote. In accordance with our established procedures for a Supreme Court nominee, I attach a written statement which explains the Standing Committee’s reasoning for its rating.

This rating letter and the Standing Committee’s statement have been provided to Chief Judge Merrick Garland.

Sincerely,

KAROL CORBIN WALKER  
Chair

cc: Chief Judge Merrick Garland (via e-mail)  
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