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Senator:

The United States Justice Foundation is a non-profit California corporation dedicated to the providing of legal assistance to individuals and businesses harassed by government agencies, government rules and government supported, so-called, "private" organizations. We, therefore, are vitally interested in the composition of the United States Supreme Court and the decisions which result from its make-up.

Our original intention was to present oral testimony at the Senate Judiciary Committee's Hearing on the nominations of Judge Scalia and Justice Rehnquist. However, due to the severe limitation on the number of persons allowed to speak at the hearings, we were unable to do so. Thus, this submission of written testimony.

Although not affiliated with any political party, the United States Justice Foundation, its Board of Directors, its participating attorneys, and its contributors and supporters have a decidedly conservative bent.

Responses to inquiries to our supporters have shown them to be, overwhelmingly, supporters of President Reagan and his policies. Our polls of them have shown them, again

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overwhelmingly, to be in favor of a conservative nominee to any vacancy on the United States Supreme Court. The undertone of the response was that any conservative that the President nominated was acceptable.

The point is that they, and we, believe that it is essential for the survival of our civil, property, and human rights that persons nominated to the United States Supreme Court be of a conservative ideological philosophy.

We believe that it is imperative that such nominees hold the same philosophy as President Reagan on such issues as governmental intrusion into economic and personal freedoms, busing, abortion, school prayer, and criminal law, if the outrageous precedents that have been set by previous Supreme Courts are to be overturned. We believe that the nominations of Judge Scalia to the Supreme Court and Associate Justice Rehnquist as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court meet these criteria.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully submitted

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