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September 19, 1991

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
 Ranking Minority Member
 Committee on the Judiciary
 148 Dirksen Senate Office Building
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Thurmond:

One of my most valued constituents, Mrs. Thomasina Jordan of Alexandria, Virginia, has been kind enough to provide the attached endorsements supporting the confirmation of Judge Clarence Thomas as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mrs. Jordan, an acknowledged leader of the Native American community, has requested that these resolutions and letters from prominent Native American organizations and individuals be included as a part of the confirmation hearing record. It is, therefore, my privilege to provide the endorsements for your attention and that of your fellow distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. The record of this most important confirmation hearing will be significantly strengthened by this splendid demonstration of support by these Native American leaders.

With my thanks for your continuing good efforts, I am

Sincerely,



John W. Warner

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Attachment

ENDORSEMENTS RECEIVED BY THE AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE ON BEHALF
OF THE HONORABLE CLARENCE THOMAS, NOMINEE TO BE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Alabama Intertribal Council -- Montgomery, Alabama
 All Indian Pueblo Council -- Albuquerque, New Mexico
 Fond Du Lac Reservation -- Cloquet, Minnesota
 Lower Sioux Indian Community -- Morton, Minnesota
 Mashpee Wampanoag Community -- Mashpee, Massachusetts
 Menominee Nation -- Wisconsin
 Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community -- Prior Lake, Minnesota
 United Sioux Tribes of South Dakota -- Pierre, South Dakota
 Andrea L. Barlow -- Member, Shoshone-Bannock Indian Tribes
 Henry M. Buffalo, Jr. -- Member, American Indian Alliance
 Douglas K. Lemon, Sr. -- Member, Leech Lake Reservation,
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 889 South Lawrence Street
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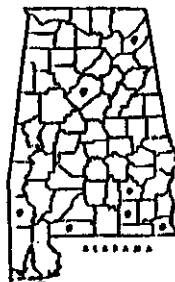
McNis Lower Creek Indians

MOWA Band of Choctaws

Star Clan of Muscogee Creeks

September 9, 1991

FAX TO: 703/820-3531



American Indian Alliance for Clarence Thomas
 Suite D-5 Brndise Office Building
 3543 W. Braddock Road
 Alexandria, VA 22302

RE: Nomination of Hon. Clarence Thomas to U.S. Supreme Court

Greetings:

Your efforts have recently come to the attention of the Alabama Intertribal Council and its leadership. As the President of the Council, I am writing to express to you some of the feelings of support for Judge Thomas among our people here in Alabama. While our Council has not formally discussed this and therefore has not adopted an official position, it is proposed for the agenda of the next Council meeting.

At a community gathering a few days ago some of our tribal leaders and prominent tribal members discussed this upcoming matter informally. It was the general consensus that Judge Thomas has many fine and unique qualifications and that in view of your efforts we should at least convey our support to you for your efforts in including Indian concerns among the matters for consideration in his nomination.

We sincerely hope that you will maintain, and even strengthen, the longstanding relationship of protection and trust between the United States and its Indian nations.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Pennie Wright
 Chief - McNis Creek
 President - Alabama Intertribal Council

cc: All Chairmen & Chiefs
 Hon. Callanwood Weaver, Chairman of AIAC
 Sen. Howell Heflin
 Sen. Richard Shelby



JAMES S. HENA, Chairman
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ALL INDIAN PUEBLO COUNCIL

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**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT
 FOR JUDGE CLARENCE THOMAS
 BY THE
 ALL INDIAN PUEBLO COUNCIL
 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

The All Indian Pueblo Council representing nineteen Pueblo Indian Governments in New Mexico endorse the appointment of Judge Clarence Thomas to the United States Supreme Court.

Because decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court often impact the Federal-Indian relationship, it is appropriate that one who as experience personal growth and development as envisioned by the founding fathers of this Nation, be placed on the Court, to insure consideration for the unique and special relationship between Indian Tribes and the U.S. Government. This may be more probable from a person that has experienced poverty and found the means to survive then from someone who has not had such traumatic experiences.

Moreover, Judge Thomas' philosophy regarding opportunities for minorities may change for the better once he assumes this awesome responsibility. Men change due to challenge and circumstances and especially when consideration entail the masses.

For Indian tribes, the hope must be that the Court can be persuaded to judge in favor of the tribes and their prayers because our governments pre-existed the formation of the United States Government.

Sincerely,

ALL INDIAN PUEBLO COUNCIL

James S. Hena

James S. Hena, Chairman

Fond Du Lac Reservation Business Committee

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RESOLUTION #1070/91

The Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee on behalf of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa enacts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Fond du Lac Reservation is a sovereignty, possessed of the jurisdiction and authority to exercise regulatory control within the boundaries of the Fond du Lac Reservation, and

WHEREAS, it is the sovereign obligation of the Fond du Lac Reservation under the Treaty of 1854 and the Indian Self-Determination Act, P.L. 93-638, 25 U.S.C. section 450 et seq., to assume responsibilities of Self-Government, and

WHEREAS, the President has nominated Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has reviewed the nomination of Mr. Thomas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fond du Lac Band hereby supports the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court of the United States.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of 2 for, 0 against, with a quorum of 4 being present at a Special Meeting of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee held on 9.22.91 in Cloquet, Minnesota.

Robert B. Peacock Peter J. Defoe, Jr.
Robert B. Peacock, Chairman Peter J. Defoe, Jr., Sec./Treas.

Lower Sioux Indian Community

PHONE 507 697-6165

RURAL ROUTE 1 - P. O. BOX 306
MORTON, MINNESOTA 56270RESOLUTION NO: 3B-91

WHEREAS, the Lower Sioux Community Council is the governing body of the Lower Sioux Indian Community of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has nominated Mr. Clarence Thomas to become the next justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Sioux Community Council has reviewed this nomination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lower Sioux Community Council hereby establishes its support for the nomination of Mr. Clarence Thomas and directs its Chairman to communicate the Council's support to the President of the United States.

Certification; we do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 3B-91 was duly presented and enacted upon the Lower Sioux Community Council by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with a quorum being present. This meeting was held on September 9, '1981.

9-9-81
Date


Judy Goodthunder, Chairman


Betty Lee, Secretary

MASHPEE WAMPANOAG COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.
FISH HOUSE HILL
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The American Indian Alliance,
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To whom it may concern:

The Mashpee Wampanoag Community Economic Development Corporation, Incorporated, wish to confirm our endorsement and support President Bush's nominee Clarence Thomas for the United States Supreme Court.

Our prayers and good wishes go out to the president in this endeavor.

Yours sincerely,


Bernard M. Boardley
President

MENOMINEE NATION
MENOMINEE TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
RESOLUTION 91-72

WHEREAS, the Menominee Tribal Legislature is the governing body of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and is empowered to act on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Menominee Indian Tribe is keenly aware of the decisions and recommendations the United States Senate has to support a nominee for the Supreme Court of the United States; and

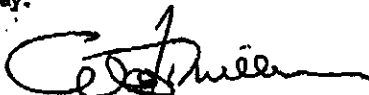
WHEREAS, the Menominee Tribal Legislature is of the understanding that to become a nominee for this high honor that one's intelligence, qualifications, integrity and understanding of this great nation's laws is a prerequisite for a successful nomination; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a member of its federal judiciary, the Honorable Clarence Thomas, who has these credentials to positively promote the interests of justice for this great nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Menominee Tribal Legislature that it hereby supports the nomination of the Honorable Clarence Thomas for Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

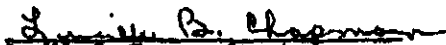
CERTIFICATION

The Undersigned Officers of the Menominee Tribal Legislature hereby certify that at a meeting held on September 9, 1991, duly adopted the above resolution. The Undersigned also certify that the above has not been amended or rescinded in any way.



Glen T. Miller, Chairman
MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

DATE: 9/9/91



Lucille B. Chapman, Secretary
MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

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Gentlemen:

I am pleased to offer my support for the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court of the United States. By his rise from poverty to prominence, Judge Thomas is an example and a model for Indian people in America. Hard work, education, self-reliance and perseverance are among the fundamental tools needed to overcome poverty, oppression and racism.

In my view, Judge Thomas' conservative theory of jurisprudence will contribute to the Supreme Court's tradition of recognizing -- and respecting -- the sovereign-to-sovereign nature of the relationship between the federal government and Indian tribal governments.

I hope that one day we will return to the White House to endorse the nomination of an American Indian to join Judge Thomas on the Supreme Court.

Respectfully,

Leonard Prescott
Chairman

UNITED SIOUX TRIBES
 OF SOUTH DAKOTA
 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
 PO BOX 1193, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501
 SEPTEMBER 9, 1991

THOMASINA JORDAN, CHAIRMAN
 AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE
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DEAR MS. JORDAN:

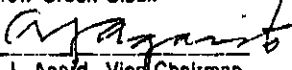
We, the undersigned, Tribal Chairman from the Lakota/Dakota Nation, do support the appointment of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court of the United States.

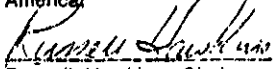
We feel that with Judge Thomas's humble beginnings he can relate to the challenges facing the Native American Nations throughout this country. We collectively urge the Senate to confirm and place Mr. Thomas on the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

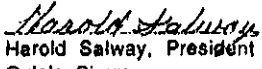

 Gregg Bobland, Chairman
 Cheyenne River Sioux

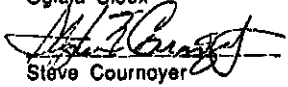

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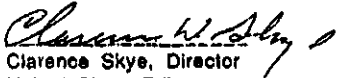

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 United Sioux Tribes

September 9, 1991

The Honorable Chairman
U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
c/o Mrs. Thomasina Jordan
Co-Chairman of the American Indian
Alliance for the Honorable
Clarence Thomas

To the Honorable Chairman:

I am a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Tribes of southeastern Idaho and a very loyal supporter of the Honorable Clarence Thomas. The confirmation of Judge Thomas would be a positive mandate for one of America's finest individuals. I fully support him and request that he be confirmed by the United States Senate as a member of the United States Supreme Court.

The Honorable Clarence Thomas will bring a broad spectrum of talents and abilities with him. Also, a greater appreciation and understanding of true Americanism, that of being a member of a minority group. He will have my unwavering support. I would request that you favorably support his appointment.

Sincerely Yours.

Mrs. Andrea Barlow

Mrs. Andrea L. Barlow
American Indian Alliance
for the Honorable
Clarence Thomas

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Henry Martin Buffalo, Jr.

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September 6, 1991

American Indian Alliance
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DELIVERED BY FAX

Dear Sir:

I would like to extend my support for the nomination of Mr. Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court of the United States. If I can be of any further assistance, please advise.

Respectfully,



Henry M. Buffalo, Jr.
Attorney at Law

HMB/lao

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September 10, 1991

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an American Indian business owner. I am enrolled
at Leech Lake Reservation in Minnesota. I have reviewed
the qualifications of Judge Thomas and I support the
President's nomination.

Very truly yours,



Douglas K. Leson, Sr.
President