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Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Chairman  
United States Senate  
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SD-224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Re: Clarence Thomas Nomination

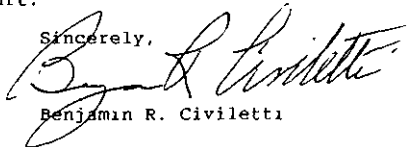
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write in support of the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court and to respectfully request that if time and the calendar permit that I be invited to be a witness before the Judiciary Committee on this matter.

I support this nomination for many reasons but first because Judge Thomas is qualified by education, training and capacity to be a Supreme Court Justice. Further, I believe that diversity of experience, age, geography, and background is desirable on the Supreme Court, and Judge Thomas' age, background, and upbringing differ from other members of the Court. I also admire greatly Judge Thomas' tenacity and strength of character in the successful pursuit of his legal and public service career, positive attributes for the work of the Court.

On a personal note, one of my partners, for whom I have the greatest respect, was a classmate of Judge Thomas in law school and has kept in touch with him since then, and this partner endorses Judge Thomas without reservation as an outstanding choice for the Supreme Court.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honorable Strom Thurmond

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