

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL,  
Stanford, Calif., October 28, 1971.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Senate Judiciary Committee,*  
*New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR EASTLAND: This letter expresses my unqualified and enthusiastic support of the nomination of William H. Rehnquist as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and the hope that his nomination will be speedily approved by the Committee and confirmed by the Senate.

During his student days in the Stanford Law School I came to intimately know Bill Rehnquist in the classroom, in my office, and in my home. Since his graduation in 1952 we have kept in touch with each other and have had frequent chats about his professional activities in private practice and in public service.

As a student he was nothing short of brilliant, dogged in his determination to achieve excellence and persistent in his expectation of excellence on the other side of the podium. I vividly recall that in the give and take of the classroom he tested my stature and sharpened my thinking as an instructor many times. He was always forthright and courageous, never equivocal, never evasive, always refined and profound in his analysis of difficult problems; his thoughts were always precisely formulated and precisely expressed. In those days it was so very easy for one like myself to predict with complete confidence that he would have a distinguished professional career, that he would become, as the President has called him, a "lawyer's lawyer." and that he would fully meet his obligations to society as a lawyer citizen.

Bill Rehnquist is not only qualified, but is eminently qualified to be a Justice of the Supreme Court. He is a fine person, a lawyer of extraordinary ability and competence, extraordinarily well equipped to meet and resolve with wisdom and good judgment those delicate and complex issues which confront a Justice, and above all else he is a man of complete intellectual and personal integrity. He will have a distinguished career on the Court.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN B. HURLBUT,  
*Jackson Ell Reynolds,*  
*Professor of Law Emeritus.*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL,  
Ann Arbor, Mich., October 29, 1971.

Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee,*  
*The Capitol,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR EASTLAND: It was my privilege to serve as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice, during the period from May, 1969 through July, 1970. In that capacity, I worked very closely with William H. Rehnquist, the Assistant Attorney General for the office nominated for a Supreme Court position by the President last week. I urge you to support his nomination.

William H. Rehnquist is as fine a lawyer as I have encountered. He has a scholarly, intellectual approach to legal problems which is not found in many practicing lawyers. While he and I did not always agree on the resolution of legal issues, I always received a fair hearing and found him eager to learn all that he could before making a decision. In addition to a powerful legal mind, and perhaps equally as important, Mr. Rehnquist has abiding interest in and concern for the development of the law and legal institutions. He has all the qualities to become a truly great judge, and to assume a substantial degree of intellectual leadership on the Court for a number of years to come.

Based upon my close working relationship with Mr. Rehnquist, I believe he is exceptionally well qualified for the position to which he has been nominated. I might also add that I have been somewhat dismayed by charges made during the past that he is a "racist." That is a term used rather loosely these days, but I surely hope that we have not reached the point where all political conservatives

must bear the racist label. Mr. Rehnquist is of course on the conservative side of the political spectrum. But I neither saw nor heard anything during my two years with the Department which would in any way suggest that Mr. Rehnquist had any tendency toward racism. Charges to the contrary seem wholly unwarranted.

In my judgment, William Rehnquist will contribute much to the work of the Court and to this country's legal institutions, and I therefore strongly support his nomination.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS E. KAUPER,  
*Professor of Law.*

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YALE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL,  
*New Haven, Conn., November 1, 1971.*

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*Senate Office Building,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR EASTLAND: I am writing in support of the President's nomination of Mr. William Rehnquist for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

My support is based not merely upon Mr. Rehnquist's professional reputation, which is extremely high, but upon my opportunities to talk with him and to observe him in debate concerning legal matters. There can be no doubt whatever concerning his intellectual qualifications. He possesses a brilliant and analytical mind. More than that, however, Mr. Rehnquist is a deeply thoughtful man with respect for the requirements of intellectual honesty. I am sure, therefore, that in the decision of constitutional cases he will be guided not by his personal philosophy but by a commitment to the commands of the Constitution, interpreted in the light of its text and its history. This does not mean that he will be a wooden literalist but rather that he will attempt to discern the meaning of the Constitution in new circumstances by the document's fundamental principles instead of in Court and to this country's legal institutions, and I therefore strongly support accordance with whatever legislative views he might entertain if he were in the Congress rather than upon the Court. This is a difficult task, requiring the utmost in self-discipline and thoughtfulness. I believe that Mr. Rehnquist has those qualities in abundance.

I have seen Mr. Rehnquist engage in debate on highly controversial subjects. Though some persons on both sides of the issue became quite heated, he did not. He remained calm but forceful in the presentation of his views, marshalling his arguments with great skill. That performance was indicative not merely of great professional qualifications, but also of a judicial temperament.

In sum, I support Mr. Rehnquist's nomination warmly and with enthusiasm.

Yours truly,

ROBERT H. BORK,  
*Professor of Law.*

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YALE LAW SCHOOL,  
*New Haven, Conn., November 2, 1971.*

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR EASTLAND: I am writing to support the nomination of Mr. William H. Rehnquist as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

By way of reputation, I know Mr. Rehnquist to be a distinguished lawyer blessed with a brilliant mind. I have also been fortunate enough to have had personal contact with him. He is a reflective, thoughtful individual with a temperament ideally suited to a judicial position. He is intellectually honest and has a highly developed sense of legal craftsmanship.

Mr. Rehnquist is experienced in matters of constitutional law. He will bring to the Court knowledge and a sense of history as well as intellectual power. He understands, and accepts, the fundamental principles of government established