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Dear Vic:

I write to you to restate my personal support for the confirmation of Judge Anthony M. Kennedy as a member of the Supreme Court of the United States.

I knew about Anthony Kennedy before he was solicited by me for an adjunct teaching position at the McGeorge School of Law of the University of the Pacific some twenty-three years ago. As a youngster, his curriculum in his elementary school could not hold him and absorb all of his intellect and energies. At the age of ten years, he began to work almost full time in the State Senate as one of the first pages to be employed in California. Simultaneously, he began accompanying his father to trials throughout the northern part of the State and worked around the law office. He did a great deal more of this prior to the time he attended college.

He gathered an outstanding scholastic record at Stanford University and during his course of law study at the Harvard Law School.

When his father passed away, I know that he faced an important decision as to whether to remain in the well-known San Francisco law firm in which he had already made a mark, or whether to come to his home, not only to settle family affairs but to continue the private practice of his father. The law offices were located in the same building where I was practicing

law prior to my service as the Presiding Judge of the Superior Courts of California for Sacramento County.

I had the opportunity to observe his skills in private practice. He was known for his grasp of an immense scope of legal subjects and tremendous capacity in an era when the generalist lawyer was much more common than is the case today. Further, he proved to be a skilled trial lawyer. Distinguished members of the bar associated him for that purpose. He engaged in the practice of administrative law, participated in transnational practice for corporations doing business abroad, and wrote complex Wills and Trusts, not only for his own clients but by referral from other lawyers.

It was a comfort to see that at the time of his appointment as a Judge of the Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit he came to it with a demonstrated capacity in the private practice of law.

Of course, having been aware of his intellect and talents, I early siezed upon his return to Sacramento to solicit interest in teaching. During these past twenty-three years, that decision has proven to be one of my finest. The factors for approval of law schools of the American Bar Association promote the notion of members of the bench and bar participating in the teaching program. His participation has demonstrated his superior intellect, his capacity for scholarship, his profound knowledge of the evolving Constitution, his objectiveness and his even-handed manner in decision making, and his sensitivity to the concerns of all parties in a particular case.

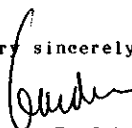
He has a tremendous intensity about his teaching and his work. Our students regularly applaud his presentations during the course of the academic year. Both in the classroom and in public arenas, he is simply one of the best public speakers that I have had the privilege to hear. At the recent dedication of the new Courthouse for the Ninth Circuit in Pasadena, California,

a number of judges present said that his speech was the best of its kind that they had ever heard.

His reputation for judicial temperament and personal qualities is excellent. I think the enclosed article from the Sacramento Bee of Sunday, November 29, 1987 says a great deal from a person in a vantage point similar to ours as Democrats.

At the time of his installation as an Appellate Court Judge, I stated that he was a gentle family man, a public contributor and an intellectual who could have his head high in the clouds but that at all times he had his feet firmly planted on the ground, with empathy for the problems of all of our citizens. He would serve this country in the best tradition. As I see it, he will become a consensus builder, consider issues case by case, and have an abiding respect for legal precedent.

Very sincerely yours,



Gordon D. Schaber, Dean

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Enclosure