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TO: Karen Siegel

FROM: Judge Peckham

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RE: Biden Bill

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Note to Sharon: Would you mind distributing copies to Ralph
Mecham and Bob Feidler. Thanks.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: JUDGES ROBINSON, NANGLE and BARKER
FROM: BOB PECKHAM
RE: SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 1990

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April 3, 1990

The Honorable Robert P. Peckham
Chief Judge
U.S. District Court for the Northern District
of California
Room 19052
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Dear Judge Peckham:

We were sorry that you were unable to attend the Judiciary Committee's March 6 hearing on S.2027. We look forward, however, to your continued participation in the committee's consideration of the legislation.

As we have said on several occasions, including during our discussion with Judge Robinson at the March 6 hearing, we are very interested in the substantive input of your task force and the Judicial Conference as a whole. We are eager to entertain the Conference's suggestions on means of improving S.2027.

We are growing increasingly concerned, however, about the pace with which the Conference's task force is proceeding. As you know, S.2027 was introduced more than two months ago. Furthermore, the first hearing took place nearly one month ago. Yet no specific suggestions on amending the language of S.2027 have been proposed. It is our sincere hope that such specific and constructive suggestions will be forthcoming from the task force in the very near future. That is critical, in our view, if we are to have a fair chance of reaching a compromise on the language of S.2027.

Thank you, Judge Peckham, for the careful attention you have given this matter thus far. We look forward to working together to improve the delivery of civil justice in this country.

Sincerely,

Strom Thurmond
Strom Thurmond
Ranking Minority Member

Joe Biden
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
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