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Dear Senators:

As the issue of a possible split of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals may once again be considered by the United States Senate, the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association has directed me to inform you that the HSBA remains opposed to a split of the Ninth Circuit. We believe the current composition of the Ninth Circuit serves the public well, representing as it does diverse demographic areas as well as a broad range of political and economic constituencies. We also believe that splitting the Ninth Circuit would lead to increased polarization of divergent interests and the attrition of consistency in the federal court system.

Very truly yours,

  
Richard Turbin  
President

cc: Honorable Neil Abercrombie, United States House of Representatives  
Honorable Edward E. Case, United States House of Representatives  
Honorable Richard R. Clifton, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals  
Honorable David A. Ezra, United States District Court  
Honorable Helen Gillmor, United States District Court  
✓Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, c/o Carol Eblen, Esq.

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