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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
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224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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RE: Caitlin Halligan

Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Grassley:

I write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Caitlin Halligan for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

I came to know Ms. Halligan during the years I served as a Judge, and then Chief Judge, of New York State's high court, the Court of Appeals. She appeared before the Court many, many times, and I have no hesitation in stating on behalf of the entire Bench that it was invariably a treat for all of us to have her there. Both in briefs and in her oral presentations she was highly prepared and enormously effective. She is a terrific lawyer!

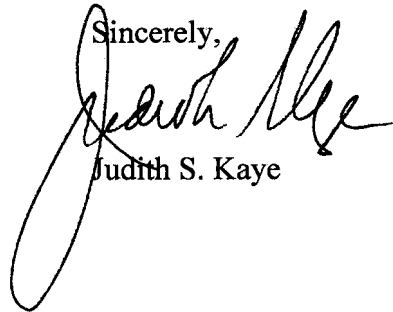
After Ms. Halligan left public service for private practice, she and I remained in close touch with one another--I have always held her in very high regard. Indeed, I had the pleasure of participating in her Constitutional Law Seminar at Columbia Law School. She is a terrific teacher! I knew, however, that it would not be long before she returned to public service. That is where her heart is. In her newest role with District Attorney Vance, we continue to confer on projects benefiting the public.

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In addition to Ms. Halligan's extraordinary professional competence, I must mention her outstanding personal qualities. Having myself served on a collegial bench for more than 25 years, I can assure you that she would be a treasured colleague on the D.C. Circuit Court.

I have no doubt that, in every respect, Caitlin Halligan would be a great contributor to the distinction of the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith S. Kaye". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Judith S. Kaye