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Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
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Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

I am writing to you regarding the appointment of Earl Gilliam to the position of Federal Judge for San Diego.

I have no idea why you seem to be holding up the attempted confirmation of Judge Gilliam. However, for what it is worth, I have known Judge Gilliam for some long extended period of time and have always found him to be a most honorable individual. He has certainly been dedicated to the law profession and has certainly been a gentleman who is held in high esteem in the black community, as well as the white community, here in San Diego. I believe that he is well-qualified for this position and deserving of the appointment.

Therefore, unless you have some valid reason, which is not generally known to the public, I urge you to let this appointment go forth at the earliest possible moment.

With best wishes,

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cc: Judge Earl Gilliam