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Honorable Jim Bates
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Dear Jim,

I appreciate your message urging speedy Senate action on Earl Gilliam's appointment as US District Judge for the Southern District of California. As you probably already know, we succeeded in winning his Senate confirmation on August 19.

Be assured that Judge Gilliam has had no stronger proponent in the Senate than I. I chose Earl Gilliam from a slate of eight finalists selected by the California Federal Judicial Selection Commission, recommended his appointment to the Administration, and did my best to expedite the process. His nomination, unfortunately, met with problems which took some time to clear to White House, Justice Department and Senate Judiciary Committee; finally, the appointment was blocked on the Executive Calendar temporarily.

I'm delighted that this matter has at last been resolved and that Judge Gilliam is now confirmed. The many communications I received from Californians in the San Diego area evidenced the great support and respect he has earned in the community -- support and respect I fully share.

Thanks again for letting me know of your own concern.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

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