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The Honorable John Rhodes
Minority Leader
House of Representatives
Room 2310 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Black Republicans here in San Diego, the majority of whom live in Congressional District 42 and State Assembly District 79.

In order for our Republican candidates to win, we must get a large percentage of Black votes. We work hard to accomplish this fact; and in each election we come closer and closer.

To get Blacks to vote Republican they must see our party as they once did, the party of liberation, not oppression.

The Black community was stunned to learn Saturday that it was the Republican leadership that was holding up the final confirmation of Judge Earl Gilliam to the Federal District Court. According to the August 2, 1980 edition of the San Diego Union, Senator Thurmond said, "At the Republican National Convention in Detroit last month that Ronald Reagan endorsed the concept of blocking the remaining nominations."

Judge Gilliam was nominated by both Senators from California more than a year ago. After much discussion and delay the Judiciary Committee without a dissenting vote recommended confirmation. It seems as though our party believing in participatory democracy would be leading the pack in trying to get our first Black Federal Judge confirmed for San Diego.

Congressman Rhodes, I beg you to use your influence to undo this injustice. It will make it much easier for

Black Americans to feel that the party of Lincoln is one of equal opportunity as he meant it to be.

Yours truly,

RUTH A. GREEN

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