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WASHINGTON

July 16, 1981

Ms. Joy R. Simonson 2929 University Terrace, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Joy:

Thank you for communicating your support of Judge Sandra O'Connor to President Reagan. The President appreciate your concurrence with his thinking that Judge O'Connor has all the qualifications necessary to be an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

We look forward to working with you on many issues that can benefit from cooperation between organizations such as yours and the Reagan administration.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Quint

Counsellor to the Special Assistant

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Ms. Joy R. Simonson 2829 University Terrace, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016

Joy, keep me informed about your budget concerns. Ill help where 2 con. M. E

JOY R. SIMONSON 2929 UNIVERSITY TERRACE, N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20016

July 9, 1981

President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to congratulate you enthusiastically on your nomination of Judge O'Connor to the Supreme Court. In thus carrying out your campaign pledge, you have brought great credit and a unique accomplishment to your administration.

It is most regrettable that fanatics of the right wing are attempting to besmirch the qualifications of this outstanding women. I know that you will not be swayed by their shrill rhetoric and I look forward to Judge O'Connor's confirmation. I plan to express my support of her also to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I hope that you will follow this significant step with other nominations of such qualified women to other Federal courts. In addition to being right, such actions will increase the pool of candidates for future Supreme Court nominations.

Respectfully yours,

Mary Elizabeth - I have been spreading the word" about letters far + wide, TRS

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1981

Dear Ms. Threatt:

Thank you for communicating your support of Judge Sandra O'Connor to President Reagan. The President appreciates your concurrence with his thinking that Judge O'Connor has all the qualifications necessary to be an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

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Sincerely,

Mary E. Quint Counsellor to the Special Assistant

Ms. Jane R. Threatt President & Co-Director Rural American Women, Inc. 1522 K Street, N.W. Suite 700 Washington, D. C. 20005

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July 8, 1981



The Honorable Ronald Reagan The President of the United States THE WHITE HOUSE Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

Rural American Women applauds your vision in nominating Judge Sandra Day O'Conner to be the first woman to serve as a Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

As a rural woman remarked, "we're going to have a new way of thinking, thank the Lord."

We believe that Justice O'Conner will add credibility to the Supreme Court and a more balanced perspective on the proper role of law in the United States. We also hope her appointment will serve as a catalyst to deepen our society's understanding of the abilities and potential of women.

We have every confidence that your historic decision will signal the coming of a Court that will better represent all the American people.

Sincerely,

Jane R. Threatt
President & Co-Director

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cc: Mary Elizabeth Quint
Counsellor & Special Assistant
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Sincerely,

Mary E. Quint Counsellor to the Special Assistant

Ms. Marylouise Uhlig National President Federally Employed Women National Press Building Washington, D. C. 20045



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July 7, 1981

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of Federally Employed Women (FEW), I commend you on your excellent choice for the next Supreme Court Justice. From all accounts, the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor will be a credit to the Court in every sense of the word.

FEW has established a good working relationship with Wendy Borcherdt on your Presidential Personnel staff and will continue to assist her in fulfilling your goal of appointing more women to your Administration.

This is a proud moment for women in government and we look forward to a speedy Senate confirmation.

Sincerely,

Marylouise Uhlig National President

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July 15, 1981

Dear Ms. Gertler:

Thank you for communicating your support of Judge Sandra O'Connor to President Reagan. The President appreciates your concurrence with his thinking that Judge O'Connor has all the qualifications necessary to be an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

We look forward to working with you on many issues that can benefit from cooperation between organizations such as yours and the Reagan Administration.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Quint Counsellor to the Special Assistant

Ms. Julia Gertler President National Council of Jewish Women 543 North Fairfax Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90036 143 NORTH FAIRFAX AVE COS ANGELES CA 90036



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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC 20500

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ON BEHALF OF 10,000 MEMBERS OF CALIFORNIA, WE URGE CONFIRMATION OF SANDRA O'CONNOR TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

JULIA GERTLER, PRESIDENT

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

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July 15, 1981

Ms. Lois McLaughlin President National Council of Women of the United States 777 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

Thank you for communicating your support of Judge Sandra O'Connor to President Reagan. The President appreciates your concurrence with his thinking that Judge O'Connor has all the qualifications necessary to be an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

We look forward to working with you on many issues that can benefit from cooperation between organizations such as yours and the Reagan Administration.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Quint Counsellor to the Special Assistant

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC 20500

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DESIGNATION OF JUDGE SANDRA OCONNOR AS APPOINTEE TO SUPREME COURT. SHE IS OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR, OBJECTIVE, ADMIRABLY FAIR, HAS BROAD SCOPE AND UNDERSTANDING WILL WORK FOR JUSTICE FOR ALL. AS COUNCIL OF 26 ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING CONSTITUENCY OF OVER 20 MILLION WE ADMIRE YOUR KEEPING PROMISE TO SELECT A WOMAN FOR THIS POST

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PRESIDENT

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES

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WASHINGTON

July 15, 1981

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thank you for communicating your support of Judge Sandra O'Connor to President Reagan. The President appreciates your concurrence with his thinking that Judge O'Connor has all the qualifications necessary to be an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

We look forward to working with you on many issues that can benefit from cooperation between organizations such as yours and the Reagan Administration.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Quint Counsellor to the Special Assistant

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON DC 20500

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IN BEHALF CF HADASSAF, ONE OF THE LARGEST WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE SANDRA DAY O'COÑNOR TO THE SUPREME COURT. THIS RECOGNITION OF TALENT, ABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE REGARDLESS OF SEX MARKS A MILESTONE IN THE ENRICHMENT OF OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WHICH WILL BRING ADDED LÚSTRE TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION, WE THANK YOU FOR IT.

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WASHINGTON

July 15, 1981

Dear Ruth:

Your letter to the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee are great. Thank you for sending me a copy.

Do believe Sandra O'Connor will make an excellent member of the Supreme Court. What a real plus for women!!!

Let's do get together soon.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Quint Counsellor to the Special Assistant

Ms. Ruth J. Hinerfeld President League of Women Voters of the United States 1730 M Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20036 from the desk of Ruth J. Hinerfeld, president League of Women Voters of the United States

July 9, 1981 Dear May Elizabeth. I thought you'd he interested in seeing a capy of the letter we sent to every member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Hope we can get together som Beat wishen,

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League of Women Voters of the United States 1730 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

July 9, 1981

The Honorable Strom Thurmond, Chairman Senate Judiciary Committee United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Thurmond:

The nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor to the highest court in the land is historically significant because it recognizes the skills of an individual regardless of sex and reaffirms that women are prepared to take their place at the highest levels of government.

We urge fair and open hearings and due consideration of her personal attributes and experience, which appear well suited to the requisite qualifications of a Supreme Court Justice.

Sincerely,

Ruth J. Hinerfeld President

cc: Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the resolution passed during your recent convention, supporting the appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court.

I believe we can all agree President Reagan is to be commended for his wise choice of so qualified a person as Judge O'Connor. She epitomizes the American woman who successfully pursues a career and fulfills family responsibilities.

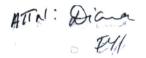
The support of Judge O'Connor's nomination by the National Women's Political Caucus is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Dole Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

Ms. Kathy Wilson National Women's Political Caucus 1411 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005

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July 15, 1981



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Honorable Elizabeth Dole Assistant to the President for Public Liaison c/o Mary Elizabeth Quint The White House

Wilson

Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Dole:

The National Women's Political Caucus applauded President Reagan's appointment of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court at our recent convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Enclosed is our resolution which passed unanimously supporting the historic appointment and a copy of our telegram to the President.

We look forward to Judge O'Connor's speedy confirmation, and to our continued work with you in appointing well qualified women to high-level governmental and judicial positions.

Sincerely,

Kathy Wilson National Chair

KW/cc enclosures NWPC RESOLUTION
ADOPTED AT THE NWPC CONVENTION
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
JULY 11, 1981

SUPPORT FOR SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

WHEREAS,	for almost 200 years women have suffered total exclusion	n
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	States of America, and	

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 women practice law in the United States, and

WHEREAS, President Reagan has announced his selection of Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, distinguished judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals, for appointment to the United States Supreme Court, and

WHEREAS, Judge Sandra O'Connor, has demonstrated as a jurist those qualities which are the foundation of the American judical system: integrity, fairness, commitment to equal justice under law and the highest standard of competence, and

WHEREAS, Sandra O'Connor has distinguished herself as a legal scholar, practitioner of the law and outstanding public official; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Women's Political Caucus commend the historic selection by President Reagan of Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor for appointment to the United States Supreme Court, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NWPC urge her prompt confirmation by the United States Senate.

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IRIS F MITGANG, NATIONAL CHAIR, NATIONAL WOMENS POLITAL CAUCUS
1411 K ST NORTHWEST SUITE 1110
WASHINGTON DC 20005

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
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APPEAL GIVES US CONFIDENCE THAT SHE WILL BE A FINE SLPREME COURT
JUSTICE. AFTER 200 YEARS THIS IS A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS A WELL BALANCED
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IRIS F MITGANG, NATIONAL CHAIR, NATIONAL WOMENS POLITAL CAUCUS
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WASHINGTON

July 15, 1981

Dear Ms. Lichtman:

Thank you for communicating your support of Judge Sandra O'Connor to President Reagan. The President appreciates your concurrence with his thinking that Judge O'Connor has all the qualifications necessary to be an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

We look forward to working with you on many issues that can benefit from cooperation between organizations such as yours and the Reagan Administration.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Quint Counsellor to the Special Assistant

Ms. Judith L. Lichtman Women's Legal Defense Fund 2000 P Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20036 JUDITH L LICHTMAN WOMENS LEGAL D 2000 P ST NORTHWEST WASHINGTON DC 20036



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MARY E QUINT
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

COPY OF TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CHOICE OF SANDRA O'CONNOR FOR SUPREME COURT HIGHLY QUALIFIED LAWYER COMMITTED TO EQUAL JUSTICE JUDITH L LICHTMAN WOMENS LEGAL DEFENSE FUND 2000 P ST NORTHWEST WASHINGTON DC 20036

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WASHINGTON

July 15, 1981

Dear Dr. Perera:

Thank you for communicating your support of Judge Sandra O'Connor to President Reagan. The President appreciates your concurrence with his thinking that Judge O'Connor has all the qualifications necessary to be an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

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Sincerely,

Mary E. Quint Counsellor to the Special Assistant

Dr. Ana Maria Perera National President National Association of Cuban-American Women of the USA 3900 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20008



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THE PRESIDENT WHITE HOUSE

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WE CONGRATULATERYOU SIR FOR YOUR HISTORIC NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE SANDRA O'CONNOR TO BE THE FIRST WOMAN JUSTICE OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT: WE WANT TO EXPRESS ALSO OUR WARM SUPPORT FOR THE REQUEST MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS TO HAVE A MEETING WITH YOU AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVINNIENCE. RESPECTFULLY YOURS

DR. ANA MARIA PERERA NATIONAL PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CUBAN-AMERICAN WOMEN OF THE USA

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WASHINGTON

JUL 1 7 1981

Ms. Mary H. Purcell President American Association of University Women 2401 Virginia Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Mary:

Thank you for communicating your support of Judge Sandra O'Connor to President Reagan. The President appreciate your concurrence with his thinking that Judge O'Connor has all the qualifications necessary to be an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

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Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Quint

Mary Elizabeth

Counsellor to the Special Assistant

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2027857700 MGM TDMT WASHINGTON DC 171 07-08 0246P EST ZIP PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC 20500

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July 9, 1981

The President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We applaud your decision to appoint a woman of demonstrated ability to the Supreme Court. By taking this historic step you have drawn on the talent and experience of a major segement of the population which will bring an additional dimension to the deliberations of the most august judicial body in our great land.

Sincerely,

Grace Day

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN JUST RECENTLY URGED YOU TO APPOINT A WOMAN TO THE SUPREME COURT, WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE NOMINATED AN OUTSTANDING WOMAN SANDRA O'CONNOR, YOU HAVE MADE A HISTORIC APPOINTMENT AND WE ARE VERY PROUD AND HOPE THAT SHE WILL HAVE A SPEEDY CONFIRMATION

MARY BURKE NICHOLAS PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMISSIONS

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July 13, 1981

President Ronald Reagan The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

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With the nomination of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to the United States Supreme Court, you have not only fulfilled a pledge made during the heat of the presidential campaign, you have also shown your commitment to American women's struggle for equality. The 180,000 members of Emunah Women, the International Women's Religious Zionist Movement, applaud your nomination of Judge O'Connor and your efforts to insure her swift confirmation by the Senate.

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Again, please accept our support and thanks for your efforts on behalf of Judge O'Connor's nomination.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Dole Counsellor to the President The White House Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Dole:

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Office of the Attorney General Washington, A. C. 20530

July 7, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM:

KENNETH W. STARR WS
COUNSELOR TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

On Monday, July 6, 1981, I spoke by phone on two occasions with Judge O'Connor. She provided the following information with respect to her public record on family-related issues:

- -- As a trial and appellate judge, she has not had occasion to rule on any issue relating to abortion.
- -- Contrary to media reports, she has never attended or spoken at a women's rights conference on abortion.
- -- She was involved in the following legislative initiatives as a State Senator in Arizona:
 - --- In 1973, she requested the preparation of a bill, which was subsequently enacted, which gave the right to hospitals, physicians and medical personnel not to participate in abortions if the institution or individual chose not to do so. The measure, Senate Bill 1133, was passed in 1973.
 - other Senators) of a bill that would permit state agencies to participate in "family planning" activities and to disseminate information with

respect to family planning. The bill made no express mention of abortion and was not viewed by then Senator O'Connor as an abortion measure. The bill died in Committee. She recalls no controversy with respect to the bill and is unaware of any hearings on the proposed measure.

- -- In 1974, Senate Bill 1245 was passed by the Senate. Supported by Senator O'Connor, the bill as passed would have permitted the University of Arizona to issue bonds to expand existing sports facilities. In the House, an amendment was added providing that no abortions could be performed at any educational facility under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents. Upon the measure's return from the House, Senator O'Connor voted against the bill as amended, on the ground that the Arizona Constitution forbade enactment of legislation treating unrelated subject matters. In her view, the anti-abortion rider was unrelated to the primary purpose of the bill, namely empowering the University to issue bonds to expand sports facilities. Her reasons for so voting are nowhere stated on the record. Lat results
- Committee on which Senator O'Connor then served.

 As passed by the House, the bill would have repealed

Arizona's then extant criminal prohibitions against abortion. The Committee majority voted in favor of this pre-Roe v. Wade measure; a minority on the Committee voted against it.

There is no record of how Senator O'Connor voted, and she indicated that she has no recollection of how she voted. (One Senator voting against the measure did have his vote recorded.)

Judge O'Connor further indicated, in response to my questions, that she had never been a leader or outspoken advocate on behalf of either pro-life or abortion-rights organizations. She knows well the Arizona leader of the right-to-life movement, a prominent female physician in Phoenix, and has never had any disputes or controversies with her.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 7, 1981

FOR:

DIANA LOZANO

FROM:

MARY ELIZABETH QUINT

SUBJECT:

President Reagan's Nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor

to the Supreme Court

When:

12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Comment:

Those phoned to this point:

1. Farm Bureau - Women's Activities
Berta Lee White, President

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2. National Council of Negro Women
Dorothy Height

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Judy Shoupe, Legislative Chairman

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5. Congresswomen's Caucus

Ann C. Smith, Executive Director

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Dear Mrs. Lake:

Thank you for writing President Reagan your thoughts concerning Supreme Court appointments.

The President is deliberating seriously on this, his first appointment to the Supreme Court. He is anxious to appoint a woman to the bench during his Administration. He is aware of the many qualified and capable women lawyers, and I'm sure this fact will enter into his consideration and final decision.

We do appreciate your offer to assist the President.

Sincerely,

Diana Lozano Deputy Director Office of Public Liaison

Mrs. Ann W. Lake President National Association of Women Lawyers 40 Sawyer Drive Dedham, MA 02026

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June 20, 1981

Hon. Ronald Wilson Reagan President of the United States Washington, D.C. 20002

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Dear President Reagan:

The National Association of Women Lawyers, founded in 1899, is the only national association representing women lawyers throughout the United States. It has amongst its goals the selecting and endorsing of qualified women lawyers for public office and judgeships on all levels.

It espouses unitedly your remarks that "one of the first Supreme Court vacancies will be filled by the most qualified woman I can find, one who meets the high standards I demand for all my appointments".

On behalf of the National Association of Women Lawyers I encourage and urge you to consider appointing a qualified woman lawyer to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Potter Stewart.

The association is willing to assist you in whatever way might be needed to screen and to recommend candidates. Please call upon NAVL to help.

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WASHINGTON

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Dear Ms. Weiner:

Thank you for writing President Reagan your concern about the appointment of a woman to the United States Supreme Court.

The President is weighing the situation very carefully. All suggestions are being considered. He has expressed his feeling that any person serving on the Supreme Court should be appointed not because of sex, color, or such, but because of their qualifications. Since there are so many qualified women, I feel confident the President will be looking at a woman, along with qualified men, during his final deliberations.

Again, we appreciate your conveyed interest.

Sincerely,

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June 19, 1981

President Ronald Reagan Executive Office The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

In light of the announced resignation of Mr. Justice Potter Stewart from the United States Supreme Court, an opportunity has presented itself for you to remedy a past injustice. The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan urges that you consider the appointment of one of the many women qualified to perform the duties of that bench.

Very truly yours,

Karen Colby Weiner

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