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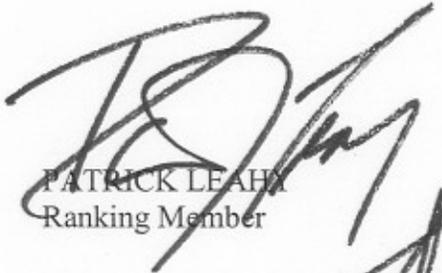
The Honorable Samuel A. Alito
United States Circuit Judge
United States Court of Appeals
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Dear Judge Alito:

It was a pleasure to meet you in my office yesterday and begin the process of learning about you as we prepare for the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings. As I told you, part of that preparation is the examination of your record, both on and off the bench. While we will, of course, be looking at the opinions you have written and the decisions in which you have joined during your time on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, we are also interested to learn of your work in various positions before you were appointed to the bench. To that end, we are expecting relevant documents from the Reagan and Bush Presidential Libraries, from the National Archives, from the Department of Justice, and any other relevant archive, in order to help us evaluate your nomination. I ask that you do all that you can without delay to urge expedited production of those records. In connection with your judicial opinions, I hope that you will provide the unpublished opinions without delay.

I look forward to meeting with you again and continuing our discussions.

Sincerely,


PATRICK LEAHY
Ranking Member

Thank you