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Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As chairman of the Iwo Jima Black Veterans group, I was asked by the membership to submit to your committee their names in support of Judge Thomas's nomination to the Supreme Court. This is in addition to my letter of August 20, 1991.

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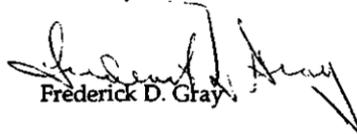
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Sincerely,

  
Frederick D. Gray

My name is Frederick Douglass Gray. I live at 6712 Hastings Drive, Prince George's County, Maryland 20743. First, I would like to thank the members of this committee for permitting me to appear before you today. On this very date 46 years ago, I was walking the volcanic ashes of Iwo Jima happy as one could be that the war had ended, and, I, along with millions of other young veterans, would be coming home.

Now, 46 years later, having survived one of the worst battles in military history, I come before you asking this committee to look favorably and fairly upon the information you have before you concerning Judge Thomas's appointment to the Supreme Court. I believe Judge Thomas will prove to be what some are saying he is not. He will be a justice for all Americans. He will carry out the laws of this land to the best of his ability.

Yes, he comes from rural Georgia, and I come from rural Southern Maryland from the town of St. Leonards in a little county called Calvert. We both understand hardship. We both believe in the true American way: working for a living. We both *do not* believe in handouts. We both *do not* believe in quotas. So, Mr. Chairman, if the above is reason to deny a seat on the Supreme Court to Judge Thomas, so be it.

Judge Thomas would never let his personal beliefs in any way interfere with his ability to render a just and fair decision for all Americans. I thank you, again, Mr. Chairman and the members of this committee.

Frederick D Gray