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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
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I am an employment attorney who strongly opposes the nomination of Ohio Supreme Court Justice Deborah Cook and Jeffrey Sutton to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Justice Cook's record on the Ohio Bench illustrates a hostile attitude towards workers and civil rights litigants. She mostly sides with corporate interests and is an opponent of employees' rights.

Mr. Sutton is also hostile towards employee rights, which was evidenced by his successfully arguing a case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that employees of state governments cannot sue for discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Sixth Circuit is currently filled with, for the most part, well balanced judges. The nominations of Cook and/or Sutton would severely disturb the current makeup of the court. Justice Cook and Mr. Sutton are not simply right leaning judges—they are conservative zealots whose personal beliefs would overshadow their obligation to fairly administer justice.

I strongly urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to deny the nominations of Mr. Sutton and Ms. Cook.

Very truly yours,



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