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Chairman Orrin G. Hatch  
United States Senate  
Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Hatch:

I am writing to correct the record concerning Jeffrey Sutton, a nominee to the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

I understand that it has been reported that Mr. Sutton aggressively pursued the opportunity to work on *Garrett v. Alabama*, a case in which the State of Alabama defended itself against a lawsuit brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I am the person who hired Mr. Sutton to represent Alabama before the Supreme Court of the United States, and I did so solely on the basis that I hold his legal abilities in the highest esteem. Mr. Sutton never solicited this representation. I sought his representation for the State of Alabama.

I hope this clears up any confusion on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Pryor", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Bill Pryor  
Attorney General

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