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United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Opposition to Jeffrey Sutton nomination

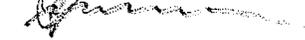
Dear Senator:

We are writing you at this time, in regard to the nomination of Jeffrey Sutton to the Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. Specifically, we would ask that you join us in opposing Mr. Sutton's appointment.

We at the Southern Maryland Council of the Blind believe that Mr. Sutton does not consider the Americans with Disabilities Act as being necessary to protect the rights of disabled people. For this reason, we believe him to be ill suited for appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Given recent revelations concerning the actions of Trent Lott, it seems more than appropriate that members of the Judiciary Committee closely scrutinize the records of all judicial nominees in respect to civil rights. After a careful review of the facts, we believe that you will reach a determination similar to ours.

Very truly yours,



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