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Hon. Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senate
Washington, DC

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Dear Senator Hatch,

I'm writing this to request that Jeffrey Sutton not be approved as Judge of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Sutton in my opinion is an affront to the 54 million disabled people in this country of which I am one. As an attorney, I do not object to the fact that attorney Sutton argued on behalf of the University of Alabama in Garrett v. University of Alabama that part of ADA is unconstitutional. Every litigant is entitled to legal representation. I do, however, object to his background and credentials as an extremist conservative Republican, inimicable to civil rights in general and civil rights for disabled people in particular. From his testimony and background it is obvious that Mr. Sutton is a neo-Scalia philosopher.

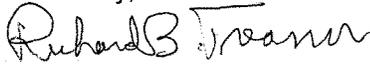
I would like also to applaud the decision of Senator Jeffords of Vermont to bolt from the Republican party. As a native of Massachusetts, I and other New Englanders believe that the extremist Republican conservative wing has gone too far in trampling on civil rights, especially for disabled people. Prayer in the Justice Department is simply inappropriate. Fundraisers in the Vice President's mansion. How inappropriate! How hypocritical! The recent trend to exalting states rights and state sovereignty takes us back to before the civil war and no doubt if continued will result in the weakening and balkanization of the United States. We are not fifty separate "sovereign" countries, but ideally, one united nation.

I congratulate Senator Jeffords for his courageous decision which I hope will result in returning the federal judicial system to some kind of sanity which will restore civil rights, especially for disabled people, and hopefully restrain the extremist conservative judiciary foisted on the Americana people. In the meantime, keep the

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nomination of Mr. Sutton for federal judge on permanent hold.
Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard B. Treanor". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Richard B. Treanor

cc. Marcie Roth, NCIL