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Dear Pat —

Just a brief note to tell you that courts nominee John Roberts is an old friend of mine and one of the finest lawyers in this country. His legal background and experience are impeccable.

Although John and I share differing political views on some subjects I can assure you that, as a judge, he will always respect the law and act in a responsible and measured way — never as a knee-jerk ideologue. I hope you'll find it possible to support John Roberts' nomination. Many thanks —

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