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The Honorable John Edwards
United States Senate
225 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear John:

I enclose the rating letter of the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary on Allyson K. Duncan, nominated by President Bush for a seat on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. I thoroughly agree with the unanimous "well qualified" rating, the highest given by the Committee.

I have worked closely with her as a partner in the same law firm and have seen her performance as the President-Elect and now President of the North Carolina Bar Association and have every confidence she will be a superb federal judge.

I trust all goes well with you and look forward to crossing paths with you soon.

Sincerely

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BY FACSIMILE AND MAIL

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
 Chairman
 Committee on the Judiciary
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 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: **Allyson Kay Duncan**
United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

Dear Senator Hatch:

By this letter we transmit for your consideration this Committee's evaluation pertaining to the nomination of Allyson Kay Duncan as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

It is a pleasure to report that, as a result of our investigation, the Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Allyson Kay Duncan is Well Qualified for appointment as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Ms. Duncan for her information.

Yours very truly,

Carol E. Dinkins
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 Chair

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