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Don McGahn White House Counsel The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. McGahn:

We are writing to forward the names of candidates for vacancies in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon and the vacant Oregon seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

As previously communicated, a selection committee comprised of members appointed by both us, and Congressman Walden reviewed the qualifications of candidates to fill these vacancies. The committee consisted of eight highly experienced and diverse Oregon attorneys. They carefully reviewed the applications of all the judicial candidates. Each committee member ranked the candidates, and, based on the accumulated rankings 14 applicants were interviewed by the committee as finalists.

Following interviews with the finalists, committee members again ranked the applicants for each vacancy.

The four highest ranked candidates listed in alphabetical order for the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon vacancy are Renata Gowie, Karin Immergut, Karen O'Kasey and Janet Stauffer.

The four highest ranked candidates listed in alphabetical order for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit vacancy are Kelly Andersen, Ryan Bounds, Thomas Christ and Renata Gowie.

We are extremely grateful to the bipartisan committee of exceptional Oregon lawyers for devoting countless hours of their time to this process.

Please note that these are names of applicants who have applied, been considered by the selection committee, and judged by the committee to be qualified. We are not endorsing or implying support for any particular nomination.

If you have additional questions, please contact Thomas Brunet in Senator Wyden's office at 202-224-5244 and Lauren Oppenheimer in Senator Merkley's office at 202-224-1669.

Sincerely,

Ron Wyden

United States Senator

Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator