

December 19, 2008

Honorable Mary Landrieu  
724 Hart Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Landrieu,

The Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, representing nearly 1,000 businesses and 25,000 employees in Terrebonne Parish, respectfully asks that a resident of our Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish region be considered for nomination to the federal court in New Orleans when Judge Stanwood Duval, Jr., takes senior status at the end of this year. The seat currently held by Judge Duval was created in 1978 and originally held by the Honorable George Arceneaux, who was also from the Terrebonne-Lafourche area. Judge Arceneaux was the first person from this area to serve on the federal court.

The citizens of this area fought hard to get Judge Arceneaux appointed to the federal bench and fought equally hard to have Judge Duval fill that seat when Judge Arceneaux died. In fact, a resident of the Terrebonne-Lafourche area has been on the federal court in New Orleans for almost 30 years. This is a reflection of the significant population and economy of our area and our important contributions to the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

Upon the retirement of Judge Duval, someone from the legal community in this geographic area should be seriously considered for this important judicial seat. Again, for almost 30 years, we have had a representative on this august court and surely, because of this, the contributions to our nation have increased tremendously. The court should continue to have someone serve who is knowledgeable of our social, economic and physical conditions.

Your enthusiastic recommendations in this matter would be greatly appreciated by the members of the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Terrebonne Parish.

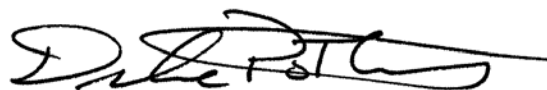
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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