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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Chairman Grassley:

I write to follow up on our conversation last week to formally request that you include in the Judiciary Committee's next hearing the pending nomination of Donald K. Schott to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

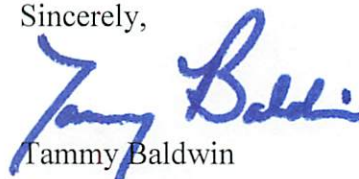
As you know, this Wisconsin seat is the longest vacancy within the federal judiciary, at more than six years. The people of Wisconsin and the entire Seventh Circuit deserve a fully-functioning court to ensure the swift and thorough administration of justice.

On January 12, President Obama nominated Donald K. Schott to this seat. Mr. Schott is an accomplished Wisconsin lawyer who has received the American Bar Association's highest rating of unanimously well qualified. He has also received support from a bipartisan group of Wisconsin State Bar presidents and forty-eight law professors from Wisconsin.

Mr. Schott has earned the bipartisan support of a majority of the Wisconsin Federal Nominating Commission established by Senator Johnson and me. Last month, Senator Johnson joined me in having returned a blue slip in support of Mr. Schott's nomination. It is now incumbent upon the Judiciary Committee to give his nomination due consideration.

I believe Mr. Schott will be an outstanding federal judge and his experience, qualifications and expertise will serve Wisconsin's proud tradition of a strong and independent judiciary well. I urge the Committee to grant his nomination a hearing and vote as soon as possible. In the spirit of cooperation and bipartisanship, I ask that you and the Committee take action on this nomination and restore the Seventh Circuit to its full strength.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
U.S. Senator