

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Leader McConnell:

I write to request that you schedule a floor vote at the soonest possible opportunity on the pending nomination of Donald K. Schott to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

President Obama nominated Mr. Schott to the Seventh Circuit on January 12, 2016. After both Senator Johnson and I returned our blue slips, the Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the nomination and approved it by a strong, bipartisan vote last Thursday.

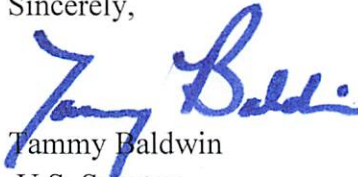
This Wisconsin seat on the Seventh Circuit has been vacant for more than six years, longer than any other federal circuit court judgeship in the country. The people of my home state of Wisconsin, as well as our neighbors in Illinois and Indiana, deserve a fully-functioning federal appeals court to ensure the swift and thorough administration of justice.

Don Schott earned the bipartisan support of a majority of the Wisconsin Federal Nominating Commission established by Senator Johnson and me. A bipartisan group of former Wisconsin State Bar Presidents support this nomination, as do nearly fifty Wisconsin law professors.

This support is based on his long and distinguished record as a member of the bar in Wisconsin, and is reflected in his having received the American Bar Association's highest rating of unanimously well qualified.

Don Schott has received strong, bipartisan support throughout out this nomination process because he has the experience, qualifications and temperament to be an outstanding federal judge. He deserves the opportunity for due consideration on the Senate floor and I urge you to schedule a vote on his nomination without undue delay.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
U.S. Senator