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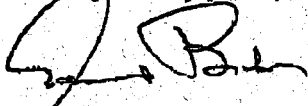
Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

This is to advise that on (b)(6) when my term as Chief Judge expires, I will retire from regular active service as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §371(b)(1), having attained the age and met the service requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 371(c). It is my intention to continue to render substantial judicial service as a senior judge. As a Chief Circuit Judge of a Court of Appeals that has been shorthanded for a long time, I am acutely aware of how long the appointment process takes and how important it is for a Court to have a full complement of judges. I therefore give this notice far in advance of my retirement date so that you may have ample time to select a suitable nominee to fill the vacancy.

I have served as a judge of the Third Article for almost 32 years. Indeed, as of this writing, I am the fourth most senior of all the active Article III judges. Professionally, these years have been the most satisfying imaginable. A federal judgeship is the best lawyer's job in the world, and I hope to continue in it for many more years.

Respectfully yours,


Edward R. Becker

- cc: Chief Justice of the United States
- Alberto Gonzales, White House Counsel
- Senator Arlen Specter
- All Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judges
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