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Dear Mr. Holder:

Thank you for providing your questionnaire and assembled materials to the Judiciary Committee. Committee staff reviewed your questionnaire responses and noted a number of apparent omissions. In view of these omissions, I respectfully ask that you revisit the questionnaire and supplement your submission as soon as possible, or provide an explanation as to why you believe your submission is fully responsive.

To assist you in supplementing your questionnaire, below are some of the potential omissions detected after a preliminary review:

- (1) In Section 13.a., you omit two 2001 op-eds regarding gun show background checks and the Robert Mueller nomination and at least six other op-eds concerning issues such as affirmative action in college admissions, gun ownership restrictions, and criminal charges for corporations;
- (2) In Section 13.c., you omit your testimony from five Congressional hearings;
- (3) In Section 13.d., you omit your 2004 speech to the American Constitution Society in which you called for a "liberal renaissance;"
- (4) In Section 13.e., you did not list a number of interviews, including a series of interviews with CNN from 2002-03 addressing Geneva Conventions and detainees, the D.C. sniper case, and the arrest of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in Pakistan;
- (5) In Section 14.a.iii., which calls for a list of "governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated," you omitted your work for Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich in 2004. This information was also not listed in response to Question 17, which calls for any appointment to a government office;
- (6) In Section 14.c., you begin to describe your appearances in court while at Covington & Burling, but end your description with a colon and no further information;
- (7) In Section 18.e., you did not list any cases or docket numbers in which you issued "significant opinions on federal, state, or District constitutional issues," yet you heard criminal cases in which Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment issues were likely to have been contested; and
- (8) You did not provide any specific "affiliations, pending litigation, financial arrangements, or other factors" likely to present conflicts-of-interest in response to Question 25.a.

Although you provided a good deal of information to the Committee, it is important that your information be complete for the Committee to process your nomination through the upcoming Holiday season. Please provide the aforementioned materials as well as any other omitted materials to the Committee as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your supplement.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter