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LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

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Honorable U.S. Senators
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

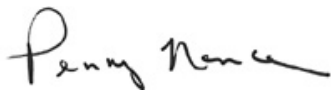
Dear Senators,

We write to urge you to vote in favor of the confirmation of Lawrence VanDyke as a judge to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The hundreds of thousands of supporters of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) are outraged at the politically-motivated attacks on such an excellent nominee and believe this vote is an opportunity to put aside partisanship and stand up for the Constitution and the rule of law. CWALAC will score this vote in favor of confirmation.

VanDyke graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School. He was an associate at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher and later clerked for one of the most distinguished judges in the country, Judge Janice Rogers Brown, in what is considered the second most important court in the nation, the D.C. Circuit.

He served for a time in the Office of the Texas Attorney General and was later called to serve as Montana's first Solicitor General. After that he also served as Nevada's Solicitor General where he, once again, excelled in his role. There he represented the state before the very court for which he is being nominated. After that, Van Dyke served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice. He is simply a stellar attorney with an incredible record of success at every level.

That is why it is critical that this body stands up to the unjust treatment this well qualified nominee received from the highly-partisan American Bar Association (ABA). The inflammatory, unsubstantiated accusations of "laziness" and lack of knowledge of legal procedures stand in clear contrast to the facts associated with VanDyke's career. Senators from both sides of the aisle rightfully question the ABA's procedures, and CWALAC urges you to not give the ABA any more input than is allowed any other partisan group in the nomination's process.



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