Supreme Court of the United States Washington, B. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

February 17, 2012

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510-6275

Dear Chairman Leahy:

Thank you for the recent letter expressing your thoughts on my year-end report. I am pleased to know that someone reads those reports! As you requested, we will make the 1991 resolution adopting the Judicial Conference regulations on gifts and on outside earned income available to the public. But for the reasons explained in my year-end report, the Court does not plan to adopt the Code of Conduct for United States Judges through a formal resolution.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

cc:

Senator Richard J. Durbin Senator Sheldon Whitehouse Senator Al Franken

Senator Richard Blumenthal