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Ms. Dana Remus
Counsel to the President
The White House
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Dear Ms. Remus:

We are writing to request an in-person meeting regarding filling the federal district judge vacancy in Idaho. Previously we have spoken with White House staff multiple times regarding this vacancy and how best to coordinate with the Administration.

As you know, the District of Idaho is one of the few districts in the country with only two authorized judgeships. The Judicial Conference of the United States has consistently requested that Idaho receive a third judgeship due to its unique geography, rapid growth, and challenging caseload.

In January of this year, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill transmitted a letter to President Biden announcing his decision to take senior status effective August 16, 2021. To date, our multiple requests to discuss this vacancy and the process by which the Administration plans to nominate an individual to fill this position have gone unanswered. The continuing inaction on this vacancy by the Administration hamstrings justice in Idaho.

The blue slip procedure regarding filling United States District Court vacancies is alive and well. Therefore, we respectfully request a meeting with you at the earliest convenience to discuss filling this vacancy in a manner that is mutually acceptable. Without a mutual agreement, the vacancy cannot be filled. We look forward to working with the Administration to fill this vacancy in a timely manner.

Sincerely,


James E. Risch
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