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*Secretary*

May 31, 2013

Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the policy-making body for the Federal Judiciary, concerning comprehensive immigration reform legislation being considered by Congress this session. On April 5, 2013, I wrote to the chairs and ranking members of the House Committee on the Judiciary; the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet; and the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security to express concern that reform efforts could impact the Judiciary in a number of areas.

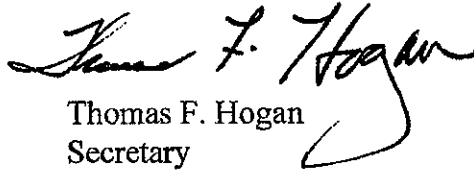
By letter dated May 7, 2013, I apprised the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee of the resource implications that S. 744, the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act," holds for the federal courts. Although the bill has been changed during markup since our letter was sent, the letter is illustrative of the ways in which this type of legislation can have a real impact on the federal courts. Indeed, the letter makes clear that, without increased resources, the federal courts cannot sustain the increased workload S. 744 would create, and asks that the legislation be amended to address the Judiciary's resource needs. Thank you for introducing this letter into the record of your Committee's May 22, 2013, hearing, "S. 744 and the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986: Lessons Learned or Mistakes Repeated?"

I hope you find this information helpful as you continue your consideration of immigration reform, and we would be pleased to provide any assistance you deem

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appropriate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Legislative Affairs, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, at (202) 502-1700.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. Hogan  
Secretary

Enclosure

Identical letter sent to:     Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
                                   Honorable Howard Coble  
                                   Honorable Melvin Watt  
                                   Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
                                   Honorable Trey Gowdy