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Topic

Endorsement of a Candidate for Public Office.

An incumbent judge asks if he may write a letter to the President or members of congress supporting or endorsing appointment of a potential nominee to positions in the Justice Department or for the Federal Judiciary.

The question presented indicates that the proposed letter amounts to publicly endorsing a candidate for public office by a judge and is expressly prohibited by the provisions of Canon 7 A(1)(b). See also JE-27.

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