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From: John Logan [mailto:jlogan@torringtonlaw.com]
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To: Senator McDonald
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Dear Sen. McDonald & Rep. Lawler:

I am presently on a family vacation in Williamsburg and will not be returning until next week, however, I felt it important to address you relative to the nomination of David Sheridan to the Superior Court bench. As such, please forgive this e-mail communication.

First, although I have met both of you on a number of occasions, I've no delusion that either of you would actually remember me considering the sheer number of people with whom you deal every day. Suffice it to say that I am a former democratic Town Chair from Torrington and I presently live in Avon where I serve on the DTC. I will serve as a delegate at the upcoming democratic state convention and I actually first served in that capacity back in 1978 when Ella Grasso was nominated to her second term. In other words, I am a lifelong, active democrat.

I also have had the pleasure of serving in a number of leadership roles within the Connecticut Bar Association and have been designated by that organization to deliver testimony to your committee.

I met Dave Sheridan several years ago when he was defense counsel in a tort action I commenced on behalf of a client against a municipality. I lost a motion to strike and appealed the matter to the state supreme court. We argued the case this past January and are awaiting the court's decision. Through my experience in that case, I came to know Dave as a litigator of great skill and knowledge. In over 27 years of litigation work I have met but a few attorneys who possess the work ethic, knowledge, experience and temperament suitable for the bench. Dave has the right stuff. I came to know him even better after he joined the Professional Ethics Committee of the CBA. He is the role model for professional civility.

In short, I have been doing this for a long time and, in my humble opinion, Dave Sheridan would make a great addition to the bench.

I don't profess to have the wisdom to even begin to know how to deal with the questions and issues facing this state. I'm acutely aware of the budgetary constraints under which you must operate so I will understand if there is an unwillingness to move forward with these nominations based on fiscal concerns. As for those of us who toil in the judicial vineyards every week, we only ask that you please, please, give us judges with humility and trial experience and, if possible, a wide range of trial experience. David fits the bill.

Good luck with the battles to come and I hope to see you both in May at the convention.

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Yours very truly,

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