



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 29, 2011

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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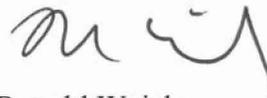
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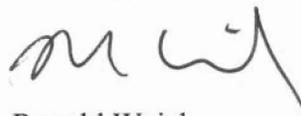
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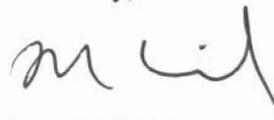
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The Honorable Saxby Chambliss  
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Administrative Office of the United States Courts  
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