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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

If the Senate confirms President Reagan's nomination of U.S. Appeals Court Judge Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court, it will cause a radical shift to the extreme right in the high court's decisions well into the next century. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, I want to alert you to the seriousness of this nomination and urge you to oppose it.

Judge Bork's extreme views are well known. He has opposed civil rights laws as unconstitutional and has denounced the organized labor movement as disruptive and irresponsible. He has criticized the historic "one man, one vote" decision guaranteeing voters equal representation in elections. And he has denied that there is a constitutional right to privacy, arguing instead that a state can even prohibit married women from using contraceptives. These are highly unusual views, not in the mainstream of American thought, and not worthy of the Supreme Court.

In 1973, the U.S. Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General resigned rather than carry out Richard Nixon's order to fire Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox, who was investigating Nixon. Bork, then Solicitor General, was promoted to Acting Attorney General and promptly fired Cox.

In 1982, both Texas Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower voted for Bork's appointment to the Appeals Court. And both Texas Senators Bentsen and Phil Gramm have voted for each of Reagan's other Supreme Court nominees. For this reason, if you oppose the Bork nomination, I strongly urge you to make your opinion known to our two Senators, Bentsen and Gramm, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


John Bryant
Member of Congress