

United States Senate

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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I appreciate your having contacted me to express your views on the nomination of Robert Bork to serve as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Bork has an exceptional knowledge of the law and has demonstrated a strong commitment to upholding both our Constitution and our statutes as passed by the Congress. This is clear from his more than twenty years as an attorney, professor of law, Solicitor General of the U.S., and federal appellate judge here in Washington, D.C. Particularly in these last two roles, he has shown himself to be sensitive and supportive of the need to protect civil rights, civil liberties, and other American values derived from the Constitution and federal law. The major questions about Judge Bork's nomination relate to his "judicial philosophy," which has been the primary focus of the hearings held by the Judiciary Committee.

I want you to know that from the information available to date, and having met with Judge Bork to discuss some of the most contentious issues, I have every expectation that I will support his nomination when it comes before the full Senate. While he recognizes that public policy is primarily the province of the Congress and the President, he also shows great deference to the value of leaving undisturbed well-settled law.

The confirmation process is a most serious responsibility. Therefore, I will carefully consider all of the information that has been produced during the hearings prior to casting my vote.

I appreciate the time you have taken to communicate your views to me on this important matter.

Sincerely,



PETE WILSON