

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

February 1, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

We write to you to request that you renominate Judge Ronnie White of Missouri to the federal District Court of the Eastern District of Missouri. Judge Ronnie White is a qualified and accomplished jurist who continues to be deserving of an appointment to the federal bench.

As the first African-American judge to serve on the Missouri Supreme Court, Judge White has embodied the principles of excellence, fairness and impartiality that are essential for those who we entrust with the responsibility of serving on the federal bench. His record on enforcing the laws of Missouri, including the death penalty, is comparable to that of his colleagues on the Missouri Supreme Court and place Judge White firmly within the jurisprudential mainstream.

Appointments to the federal bench are the most important and most closely watched appointments that a President will make. With each appointment, you will define your commitment to justice to each and every one of our citizens. Your renomination of Judge Ronnie White would be an important signal to those who have any doubt about your commitment. Judge White is one of the best and the brightest that Missouri has to offer and deserving of a seat on the federal bench.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Gephardt


William "Lacy" Clay, U.S.