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Re: The Opposition of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)
to the Nomination of William G. Myers, III to the United States Court of
Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Dear Senators Specter and Leahy:

The Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) urges the members of the Judiciary
Committee to reject the nomination of William G. Myers, III to the United States Court of
Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

SALT is the largest membership organization of law professors in the United States,
representing more than 900 law professors from over 160 law schools. It is committed to
improving the integrity and quality of the administration of justice. Confirming Mr. Myers
to a federal appellate judgeship would disserve those interests. SALT wrote to Senators
Frist and Daschle on July 19, 2004, urging the Senate to reject the nomination. We renew
that urging now.

More than sixty law professors and lawyers within the jurisdiction of the Ninth Circuit
wrote to Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Leahy on February 5, 2004, opposing this
nomination because Mr. Myers lacks the requisite qualifications and experience and has
demonstrated hostility to environmental protections, workers' safety concerns, and the
rights of Native Americans and other civil rights claimants. When he served as Solicitor of
the Interior Department in this Administration, he used his position to benefit industry and
undermine environmental protections.

Mr. Myers has attacked the right to privacy established in *Griswold v. Connecticut* and
Roe v. Wade, and has praised the notorious decision in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, now rejected
by the Supreme Court. He has argued that "the Constitutional right of a rancher to put his
property to beneficial use is as fundamental as his right to freedom of speech or freedom
from unreasonable search and seizure." He has urged that Congress lacks the power to
regulate wetlands under the Commerce Clause. He has likened the federal government's

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stewardship over public lands to the "tyrannical" rule of King George III over the American colonies, and predicted that federal regulation is leading to "a modern-day revolution" in the Western states.

We will not repeat here all the points made in the February 5, 2004 letter from many of our colleagues, but SALT agrees fully with their position and joins all of them in urging you to reject the nomination of William G. Myers, III to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Yours very truly,

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