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Hon. Tammy Baldwin  
633 West Wisconsin Ave., Suite 1920  
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Dear Senator Baldwin:

As president of the nation's largest Catholic civil rights organization, I am appealing to you to allow the nomination of Gordon Giampietro to move forward. He has been smeared by some who reject Catholic teachings on marriage, the family, and sexuality.

Giampietro has earned a seat on the federal district court and nothing he has said is outside the domain of settled Catholic theology. That is why the bishops of Wisconsin stand with him. So do we.

Catholics understand why some disagree with Church teachings on marriage, and indeed we defend their right to do so. But just as it is wrong to tar those who disagree with us as bigots, it is just as wrong for others to make such a charge about us. Have we come to the point where reasoned discourse cannot be tolerated if one side sharply disagrees with the other?

I have never met Mr. Giampietro, so my appeal to you is not based on personal interest. It is based on principle: We cannot allow prospective federal judges to be vetoed on the basis of irresponsible accounts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.  
President