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for the Ninth Circuit

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
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The Honorable Diane Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We, the undersigned United States Circuit Judges of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals express our opposition to the pending legislative proposals dividing the Ninth Circuit, including S. 276, S. 295, H.R. 196, H.R. 250, and H.R. 1598. In our view, division of the Ninth Circuit would be costly, inefficient, and would harm the administration of justice in the West.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sidney R. Thomas".

Sidney R. Thomas  
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