

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 23, 2005

Dear Senator Baucus:

White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card has asked me to respond to your September 15<sup>th</sup> letter to him requesting that nominees to the Supreme Court, including Judge Roberts, provide tax information. As I am sure you are aware, all nominees to the Federal judiciary complete and submit a comprehensive questionnaire to the Senate Judiciary Committee that includes several questions on "Bankruptcy and Tax Information" in the confidential portion of the questionnaire. Judge Roberts responded to those questions in his questionnaire that he submitted to the Judiciary Committee. In addition, tax information is included in the confidential background investigation materials provided to the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee also had the opportunity to ask him questions about his taxes during the closed portion of the hearing. The same information will be provided to the Senate Judiciary Committee on any individual nominated for the vacancy that will be created upon Justice O'Connor's retirement.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harriet Miers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "H".

Harriet Miers  
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