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Dear Mrs./Mr. _____:

In America, courts exist to protect people, resolve disputes and ensure fairness and justice for those who enter the legal system. When voters support candidates based solely on the popularity of their past decisions, or how they might decide cases in the future, they create an atmosphere that undermines fairness, equality, and impartiality. Increasingly, in many states, voters are being encouraged to do just that.

The National Association of Women Judges has established an "Informed Voters - Fair Judges" project to discuss the role of courts in American society and to help voters understand the importance of electing qualified judges who will follow the law rather than partisan pressure.

Politics and special interests have no place in American courts. Unlike legislators, a judge must stand apart from political and partisan ideas, and ensure each case receives a fair and impartial hearing, with a resolution based on the law. That is the foundation of the public's trust and confidence in the courts.

When voters understand what judges do and how the courts are supposed to work, they are more likely to vote based on a judge's character, integrity and willingness to decide cases based on the law and the evidence. Informed voters will not want judges influenced by special interests, or by fear of losing their position because a powerful group dislikes a particular decision.

To help address this vital issue before the upcoming election, we have speakers available to present to your [group/organization]. Please contact me at [contact information] to discuss at date for a presentation for your [group/organization].

We invite you to visit <http://ivp.nawj.org> to learn more about the Informed Voters Project.

Sincerely,

[name/title/local chapter]