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The Honorable Jim Jordan  
Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
2138 Rayburn House Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Jordan,

I write to thank you for your leadership in preventing the Judicial Conference of the United States from usurping congressional authority to end single-judge divisions through its proposed random case assignment policy and encourage you to continue to block any legislation supported by the Judicial Conference until it reverses course. As you know, it is critical for the House Judiciary Committee to protect against unlawful left-wing activism – whether it is packing the courts or a backdoor judicial rulemaking exercise designed to stop judges from carrying out their duty according to current congressionally enacted law.

The Judicial Conference – the policymaking body for federal courts – has been considering efforts to prohibit single-judge divisions from hearing cases “that seek to bar or mandate state or federal actions.”<sup>1</sup> These cases would be subject to a “district-wide random selection process,” flying in the face of existing statutes requiring district courts to decide how to assign cases.<sup>2</sup> This clearly is rooted in the desire of a few progressive Democrats to limit states like Texas’ ability to halt federal actions that adversely impact Texans, including the work of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

I greatly appreciated working with you and Judiciary Committee staff this summer to ensure that the Committee refuses to move legislation supported by the Judicial Conference until it abandons this dangerous proposal to disenfranchise Texans and other Americans. This position is only reinforced by the fact that the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules is considering making the proposal binding.<sup>3</sup>

Under your tenure as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, the Committee has stood firm against radical progressive efforts to remake the federal judiciary, and this is just one more example.

Sincerely,



Chip Roy  
Member of Congress

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.uscourts.gov/news/2024/03/12/conference-acts-promote-random-case-assignment>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/28/137>

<sup>3</sup> <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/us-law-week/political-pressure-drives-forum-shopping-policy-key-judge-says>