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Dear members of the European Association of Judges:

The Federal Judges Association is very grateful for your recent letter of solidarity. As Chief Justice Roberts stated in his Year End Report, "[j]udicial review makes tensions between the branches unavoidable." And in a democracy like the United States "with robust First Amendment protections--criticism comes with the territory." But the independence of the judiciary, on which the rule of law depends, is threatened by "(1) violence, (2) intimidation, (3) disinformation, and (4) threats to defy lawfully entered judgments." We agree with your observation that disagreements with judicial decisions should be addressed through the appeal process or other legal channels.

The FJA will do its part to preserve the public's confidence in the judiciary and in our institutions. We are incredibly grateful for your support. Having your backing provides moral support for our judges and a public affirmation as well.

Sincerely,

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