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The Honorable Charles E. Hughes, L.L.D., Chief Justice,
United States Supreme Court,
Washington, D.C.:-

My dear Chief Justice Hughes:-

As you know, the people of Massachusetts, and perhaps as strongly as anywhere, in the western section of the State, are greatly exercised over the President's proposals regarding the Court; and I am writing now, not to offer advice or suggest anything, but only to express our complete confidence in the Court, and to wish you God-speed in all your good work. Whether the newspapers list one Justice as a liberal and another, as a conservative or reactionary, is immaterial to us, because I believe all nine of you gentlemen are persons of sound character and honesty, and in training and experience vastly superior to the rank and file of our American citizens. Our hope and prayer is, that the Court may be preserved intact, and that neither the President, nor any other person or body may be permitted to tamper with its status or personnel, in any respect. This, I am sure, is the sentiment of the great majority of Bay State men and women, and we wish you every success in all the complex problems you have to face. My wife, Mrs. Mathews, joins in a cordial indorsement of these views and wishes, and we trust you may remain in office for a long time to come.

I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Burleigh V. Mathews.