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Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 6:31 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Sujay

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From: Rodriguez, Miguel E
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Verma, Richard R
Sent: Fri Dec 10 06:27:36 2010
Subject: Re: Sujay

Senator DeMint is insisting that he and Sujay sit down to personally review her post-hearing QFR answers. This is highly unusual. We offered Sujay up right away, but DeMint's staff insisted that the Senator was only available to meet on December 16 (the Senate target adjournment date is December 17). This effectively scuttles any chance Sujay has of getting confirmed this Congress.

Unfortunately, we don't have much recourse. Sujay's nomination will remain on Tuesday's business meeting agenda, but given his request, DeMint will exercise his prerogative and ask that she be held over. With no other business meetings scheduled this year, she'll remain stuck in Committee.

There's another factor at play here too. We learned yesterday afternoon that Sujay has taken it upon herself to reach out to different Senator's offices. I don't know what exactly she's been saying, but the leg officer (a State Department fellow) handling Sujay's nomination got an email from Hatch's office. He has been supportive of her and we have a good working relationship with them. I don't know what Sujay said, but the message back from Hatch's person is that "while we do support her, this really makes us question her common sense and judgment." We obviously told her to stop her outreach campaign.

Finally, Hatch's office also informed us that Brownback is rumored to be considering a hold on Sujay's nomination if DeMint for any reason relents.

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To: Rodriguez, Miguel E
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What is the state of play?

From: Posner, Michael H
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Thu Dec 09 23:00:42 2010
Subject: Sujay

Cheryl

I assume that someone is keeping you up to date on Sujay's confirmation process. Here is the latest. I am worried that the Rs simply will run out the clock so that we need start from scratch in early

next year.

Not sure if there is anything I can do , but if there is please let me know--

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From: Magarian, Sharyn
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 4:04 PM
To: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Alvarado, Victoria A; Johnstone, Kari A (DRL)
Cc: Posner, Michael H
Subject: DeMint-Sujay mtg scheduled for next Thursday

Scheduled for next Thursday at 1:45pm. It is a staff-only meeting.

FYI – We've also heard that Brownback might cause trouble too.

Sharyn