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To: Mills, Cheryl D
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Hi Cheryl -

Thanks again so much for all of your tremendous help with Goodwin's nomination. I've been feeling bad about not getting the four votes that we felt we had and I wanted to give you a little background so that you and HRC understand that we really were acting in good faith when we asked her to make that next tier of calls.

As I mentioned, we thought we had Senators Murkowski, Brown, Collins and Snowe. We did get Murkowski (the only principled lot of them!). We later found out that at 2:00 p.m. as Senator Brown was walking in to vote on the nomination, he called the Asian American leader in Massachusetts who he'd promised he would vote for cloture to tell her that because the vote wasn't close and he was getting tremendous pressure from his party leadership that he had decided to change his vote. She urged him not to do so, but he would only commit to voting for cloture for Goodwin later if the vote was closer (a real profile in courage!). Both Senator Collins' current and former Chiefs of Staff had personally assured us that she would vote for cloture. Senator Snowe [REDACTED] had not given us a firm commitment, but we believed that she'd all but indicated that she'd be with us on cloture. We later found out that the Tea Party turned out tons of people to show up at their district offices to protest Goodwin on the day of the vote and literally flooded in their offices with calls. Of course, our side had no ground operation. Snowe is up for election in 2012 and has a real Tea Party threat so we think that she caved and Collins voted with her to give her cover.

This is all distressing as we thought we were much closer than we were in the end. But the even more distressing piece of it is how little the White House did. On Monday, they had assured us and the groups that calls would be made at the highest level - that Daly and VP Biden would be working the phones throughout the week to ensure that we locked in the votes of the four we thought we had and worked on the next tier up. But when Goodwin and I went to the White House at 11:30 a.m. on the day of the vote, Daly and Biden hadn't made any calls. Bauer said that the leg folks had locked up the four we had worked on. But as it turns out the WH was playing chicken and egg because it looked like it wouldn't be close they didn't want to use the time and capital to make those calls. Of course, we didn't know any of this when we asked HRC to make calls.

I do so appreciate her time and yours and I would not have put her in the position of using her precious time had

I know how little backing and help we were getting from other quarters.

Thanks so very much for helping us. We do feel tremendously honored to know that you and HRC always are there for us. I'm only sorry we didn't realize how dire the situation was when we asked you to weigh in.

xxoo,
Ann