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Coal Fire, Ala.,  
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Hon Charles E. Hughes, Chief Justice.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I desire to protest with all the power in me against the plan proposed by President Roosevelt to change the membership of the Supreme Court of the United States.

I believe in the system of checks and balances under which this country has prospered and thriven, I view with alarm any change in the fundamental law of the country except by mandate of the people carried out in the manner provided by the Constitution.

I consider the Supreme Court as now constituted and its independence of outside pressure essential for the preservation of our liberty.

I believe that the proposed plan to give the Chief Executive the power to appoint additional members to the Supreme Court, is calculated to make the judicial branch of the Government subservient to the Executives will or wish and that this power should never be vested in any one man, This would ruin the Independence and usefulness of our Supreme Court, It would vest in the Executive more power than any one man should wield, It would mean a dictatorship and the end of individual liberty and freedom, such as we American people love and enjoy.

I want to respectfully urge you and all the members that are above the age limit suggested by the President to retire, that you not show your willingness to submit to his frivolous ideas that he may get in power sufficient to throw our liberties into jeopardy, but to remain true to the post that have been assigned to you according to the principal laid down by our fore parents, and remain at the post regardless of any suggestions made by any one seeking to control that great body of which you are a member.

Yours for good safe Government

John T. Abrams

P S Would appreciate you passing this on to all the members above the age of 70, thank you.