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SIXTH DISTRICT  
FLORIDA

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Justice Clarence Thomas  
The Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Justice Thomas:

Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed visiting with you on the flight back from Jacksonville to Dulles. I intend to look into a bill to raise the salaries of members of The Supreme Court. As we agreed, it is worth a lot to Americans to have the constitution properly interpreted. We must have the proper incentives here, too.

The quote I mentioned, and which I am sure you will appreciate, is provided below.

"Have patience awhile; slanders are not long-lived. Truth is the child of time; ere long she shall appear to vindicate thee."

--Immanuel Kant

With kind personal regards, I am

*Best wishes  
to Ginnip  
you son for  
me.*

Sincerely,

CLIFF STEARNS  
United States Representative

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