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Supreme Court of the United States
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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA

September 13, 2010

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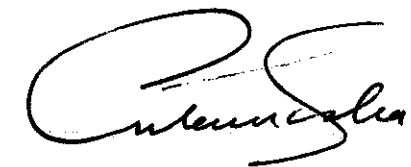
Dear Prof. Tillman:

Fascinating!

I hope my co-author, Bryan Garner, does not get a hold of your piece. It will only encourage his quixotic endeavor to replace all imperative shalls with musts. I assume you are correct that the meaning of "shall" at the time of the Constitution was quite indeterminate. Surely in modern times, however, the third-person "shall" has indicated command.

Thanks for the piece.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonin Scalia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "A".