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December 5, 2005

The Honorable Arlen Specter
Chairman,
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member,
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Leahy:

As the President of the Sergeants Benevolent Association of New York City, which represents 10,000 active and retired Sergeants of the NYPD, I am writing to express my organization's support for the confirmation of Judge Samuel A. Alito, Jr. to the United States Supreme Court. My members have a great interest in the United States Supreme Court because the jobs they do every day entail interacting with their fellow citizens in often difficult circumstances, and the pronouncements of the High Court can dramatically alter and re-define these interactions. As the challenges of the post 9/11 world present new and difficult legal issues, today, more than ever, we need the most capable and balanced legal minds, like Samuel Alito, on the Supreme Court.

Throughout his nearly thirty years of public service, Samuel Alito has demonstrated a strong commitment to the rule of law and has earned the respect of the law enforcement community of which he has been an important part. As a U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Alito was well known for prosecuting white collar and environmental crimes, drug trafficking, organized crime and violations of civil rights. Since being confirmed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 1990, Judge Alito has earned a reputation as being both tough and fair, and his opinions in cases like *Fraternal Order of Police Newark Lodge No. 12 v. City of Newark* prove that he will be an outstanding addition to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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On behalf of the Sergeants Benevolent Association, I again offer our strong support for the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito. The nation will benefit from the balanced and well-informed legal ability he will add to the Supreme Court, and I hope that the Judiciary Committee will expeditiously approve his nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-343-5668 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Ed Mullins

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President