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The Honorable Arlen Specter
Chairman,
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Mr. Chairman & Senator Leahy:

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our strong support for the nomination of Judge John G. Roberts, Jr. to be the next Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Roberts has had a distinguished career as both a public servant and a practicing attorney, and he currently serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. His nomination to that court was favorably reported by the Committee on a 16-3 vote, and he was confirmed by the full Senate by Unanimous Consent in May 2003. Before his confirmation to the D.C. Circuit, Judge Roberts served as Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Associate White House Counsel, and as Principal Deputy Solicitor General. In addition to his superb service as a member of the Federal judiciary, Judge Roberts graduated *summa cum laude* from Harvard College and *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he was also managing editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. He began his career as a clerk for Judge Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and then-Associate Justice of the Supreme Court William H. Rehnquist.

Two necessary qualifications for any judicial nominee—not to mention one for the highest court in the land—should be a proven record of success as a practicing attorney, and to have the respect of the law enforcement community of which they will be an important part. John Roberts meets both of these important criteria. He has argued 39 cases before the Supreme Court, and his arguments span a wide range of issues, including criminal law, civil rights, administrative law, and the regulation of financial institutions. Judge Roberts has demonstrated that he will be an outstanding addition to the Supreme Court, and that he has rightfully earned his place beside the finest legal minds in the nation.

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On behalf of the more than 321,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I again offer our strong support for John Roberts, and urge the Judiciary Committee to expeditiously approve his nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Executive Director Jim Pasco, through our Washington office if we may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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