NAM National Association of Manufacturers

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

Dear Chairman Specter:

I am pleased to inform you of the National Association of Manufacturers' endorsement of Judge John G. Roberts' nomination to the United States Supreme Court. The NAM appreciates your commitment to conducting a fair and thorough review of Judge Roberts' qualifications. We are confident that your leadership will provide a timely confirmation vote for Judge Roberts, allowing him to be seated when the Court term begins on October 3, 2005.

The NAM established a Judicial Review Committee to take a critical look at Judge Roberts' legal history. We will also conduct this exercise with future nominees. Our examination of Judge Roberts' record has determined him as fully qualified to serve as a Justice who will interpret the law as written, not an activist who will legislate from the bench.

Business and manufacturing need a legal system that is fair and predictable. The vast majority of cases before the federal courts relate to business issues such as contract law, employment law, regulatory issues, and property rights. Judge Roberts' background both as a litigator and jurist at the federal level will assist the Court in identifying business-related cases that are of national importance. The perspective Judge Roberts brings to deliberations in such cases will provide an understanding of the practical ramifications of these rulings.

Judge John G. Roberts is a well qualified nominee who will make an outstanding addition to the Supreme Court. Please help to ensure a prompt up or down vote so Judge Roberts may assume his duties by the first Monday in October.

Sincerely,

John Engler

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cc: Members of the Committee on the Judiciary

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