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The Honorable Arlen Specter
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Specter,

This is a letter of support for the nomination of Judge John Roberts to the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Roberts has an outstanding education background, has substantial experience in private practice, with the Solicitor General's office and as a Federal Appeals Court Judge, and an unparalleled record of arguing before the High Court. Judge Roberts has solid conservative credentials, having clerked for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and successfully argued many cases, both for the government and as a private lawyer.

Judge Roberts' education background includes receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Harvard College, graduating *summa cum laude* and a Law Degree from Harvard Law School, graduating *magna cum laude.*

Judge Roberts earned solid conservative credentials serving as Associate Counsel to President Ronald Reagan and as Principal Deputy Solicitor General appointed by President George H.W. Bush.

Mr. Roberts was a partner in the Washington D.C. office of Hogan & Hartson LLP, where he headed the firm's appellate practice. He has argued 39 cases before the Supreme Court on behalf of Hogan & Hartson clients and as Principal Deputy Solicitor General on behalf of the United States. He is one of the most respected members of the Supreme Court bar. Mr. Roberts has received the Edmond J. Randolf award for outstanding service to the Department of Justice.

Mr. Roberts has been called the nation's best appellate lawyer not only by Justice Antonin Scalia but also by Clinton administration Acting Solicitor General Walter Dellinger. Roberts and Dellinger are members in high standing of the bar of the Supreme Court. The solicitor general's office has a tradition of institutional excellence that has been maintained during administrations of both parties, and no one seems more respected than John Roberts.

When he was nominated to his current position on the D.C. Circuit, the American Bar Association rated him "well-qualified", it's highest rating.

In support of the confirmation, distinguished constitutional law scholar Kenneth Karst of the UCLA School of Law, a self described liberal law academic, offered "I believe the Senate should confirm Judge Roberts's nomination. By all accounts, he is a first-rate lawyer, who listens carefully to arguments, even when they go against his initial inclinations."

Please support the confirmation of Judge John G. Roberts to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Very truly yours,

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