



July 10, 2009

Honorable Patrick Leahy
 Chairman
 Committee on the Judiciary
 United States Senate
 433 Russell Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Jeff Sessions
 Ranking Minority Member
 Committee on the Judiciary
 United States Senate
 335 Russell Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

On behalf of the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), we offer our support to the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor's nomination to become the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. APA is a national "think tank" that represents all prosecutors and provides additional resources such as training and technical assistance in an effort to develop proactive innovative prosecutorial practices that prevent crime, ensures equal justice and makes our communities safer.

Judge Sotomayor's proven record as a prosecutor, private litigator, District Court Judge and Federal Appellate Judge has shown her dedication to the law, equality of justice and ensuring safer communities. Her distinguished tenure as a Federal District Court Judge would bring additional insight about the trial process to the Supreme Court.

Judge Sotomayor, with her trial experience as both a trial judge and prosecutor, would bring practical experience to the highest court in the land. Therefore, the APA fully supports Judge Sotomayor's nomination to the Supreme Court and we urge her confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Glenn F. Ivey
 Chairman of the Board of Directors,
 Association of Prosecuting Attorneys

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David R. LaBahn
 President and CEO,
 Association of Prosecuting Attorneys

Support and enhance the effectiveness of prosecutors in their efforts to create safer communities