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The Hon. Jeff Sessions
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**RE: Endorsement for Judge Sonia Sotomayor
for the United States Supreme Court**

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Members Sessions:

On behalf of the Detectives' Endowment Association (DEA), the labor union representing 15,000 active and retired New York Police Department Detectives, I am contacting you in support of the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor for the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Sotomayor has a long and distinguished career in our judicial system, which started with her work as an Assistant District Attorney in New York City in 1979, a time when crime was extremely high. Her experiences as a prosecutor at the municipal level make her unique amongst the sitting Supreme Court Justices.

Although she left the District Attorney's Office for the private sector in 1984, her decades on the bench convince us that she well understands the issues and challenges faced by our nation's law enforcement officers. Having grown up in the public housing projects of The Bronx, Judge Sotomayor can relate to and understand the concerns and fears of America's inner city residents, who confront crime and its consequences on a daily basis.

Judge Sotomayor is also extremely familiar with labor / management issues, and we believe her decisions regarding the American workplace and organized labor have been fair and balanced.

Judge Sotomayor would bring a refreshing breadth of experience, intelligence, wisdom, and empathy to the highest court in the land.

Therefore, we urge you and your Congressional colleagues to confirm Judge Sonia Sotomayor's nomination to the United States Supreme Court. If you would like any additional comments from our organization, please feel free to contact me at (212) 587-1000.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Palladino
President

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