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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
 Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
 United States Senate
 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: *Nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor
 to the United States Supreme Court*

Dear Chairman Leahy:

On May 26, 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Judge Sonia Sotomayor to fill the vacancy left by Justice David H. Souter in the United States Supreme Court.

The Hon. Raymond L. Acosta Puerto Rico Chapter of the Federal Bar Association has issued the enclosed resolution supporting Judge Sotomayor's nomination and endorsing her as qualified in every respect to fill this important position.

In sharing our background, please, note that the Federal Bar Association is a professional organization for private and government lawyers and judges that has been established for over 80 years with a membership of about 16,000 federal practitioners and over 900 members of the bench. The FBA is dedicated to the advancement of the science of jurisprudence and to promoting the welfare, interests, education and professional development of all attorneys involved in federal practice. The Hon. Raymond L. Acosta Puerto Rico Chapter is one of the largest and most distinguished chapters of the Federal Bar Association.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our resolution, and respectfully request that you include it in the candidate's Senate Judiciary Committee evaluation file.

Respectfully,

Katherine González-Valentín
 President

c: The Hon. Harry M. Reid
 United States Senate Majority Leader
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 United States Senate Minority Leader
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