



July 16, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

During her Senate confirmation hearings, Judge Sonia Sotomayor has been asked for her views on the Second Amendment. She has given clear and responsible answers, while not prejudging any issues that may come before her on the Court. We have been impressed with her presentation.

Judge Sotomayor's comments, as well as her judicial opinions in cases involving gun laws show respect for the Constitution, for precedent and for the considered judgments of legislative bodies in protecting communities from gun violence.

Judge Sotomayor's background and her experience as a prosecutor have given her an invaluable understanding of the devastating impact of gun violence on families and communities. Because of her experience enforcing gun laws, she brings to the bench an appreciation of the importance of those laws in protecting our citizens.

The Brady Campaign enthusiastically endorses Judge Sonia Sotomayor for the position of Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

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