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June 7, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
 Chairman
 Committee on the Judiciary
 U.S. Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
 Ranking Member
 Committee on the Judiciary
 U.S. Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Messrs. Leahy and Sessions:

On behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs, representing the 56 largest jurisdictions across the Nation, we are writing to support the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court of the United States.

We applaud her distinguished career in public service, a record of achievement that began with her work as a prosecuting attorney. During those early years as an Assistant District Attorney, Sonia Sotomayor earned high marks from law enforcement. She has been praised by those who worked at her side on criminal cases as well as officials who have taken cases to her courtroom in later years.

Her record as a prosecutor and a judge both show a commitment to public safety and sensitivity to the needs of the community. She has made decisions that are both tough and compassionate. Her record shows respect for the laws and cases that enable the police to do their job.

American law enforcement has always looked to you for leadership and we again turn to you to move the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor quickly through the confirmation process.

Sincerely,

William J. Bratton
 Chief of Police
 President, Major Cities Chiefs