

June 10, 2009

The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jon Kyl
United States Senate
730 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators Kyl and McCain:

The undersigned members of Arizona law school faculties enthusiastically support the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the United States Supreme Court. As the confirmation process goes forward, we trust that you will conclude, as we have, that Judge Sotomayor is exceptionally well qualified to serve on our nation's highest court.

Judge Sotomayor's experience spans the private and public sectors, two branches of government, and both trial and appellate levels of the federal bench. Her seventeen years as a federal judge, her service as a state prosecutor, and her private practice in international and corporate law mean that Judge Sotomayor will bring unusually complete and multi-faceted experience with the law to the Supreme Court.

Moreover, we do not dismiss the significance of Judge Sotomayor's experience as a Latina who grew up in the housing projects of the South Bronx. Judge Sotomayor has seen and experienced life and our society in ways that are not currently represented on the Supreme Court. Particularly when combined with her varied and comprehensive professional activities, Judge Sotomayor's wisdom from this perspective will add an important ingredient to the Supreme Court's consideration of the cases that come before it. She will also provide inspiration to countless youth in Arizona and elsewhere, for whom Judge Sotomayor will serve as an example of the limitless opportunities made possible by hard work and education.

Signed

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