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Memo: Patrick J. Leahy
Re: Confirmation Hearings for Samuel Alito, Jr.
Fax# 202 224 3479
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Dear Senator Leahy:
As a U.S. Senator you know that the President has the right to nominate a person of his choice for a vacancy on the Supreme Court. The same Constitution gives to the Senate the duty to examine that person as completely as possible, in order to approve or reject the nomination.

It is incumbent on you to protect the Supreme Court from the extreme legal and judicial philosophy of Judge Samuel Alito as demonstrated by his writings and decisions. The President has clearly appointed him to pacify his right wing base.

Reach Out America is convinced that the Senate must vote against Alito's confirmation in order to fulfill its obligation under the Constitution.

Judge Alito, as shown by his own record, is determined to bring about the radical reshaping of our basic rights.

He is against women's rights, the rights of minorities, and the rights of victims of sex and race discrimination.

He voted to approve the strip-search of a ten-year-old girl, and argued that the police should be able to shoot in the back and kill a fleeing, unarmed 15-year-old boy who had stolen $10 after breaking into a house.

In his own words (in his 1985 application for the position of deputy assistant attorney general) Alito emphasized his "disagreement with Warren Court decisions" regarding religious liberty and church-state separation.

Judge Alito's dissents to be on the wrong side of the rights most Americans hold dear. And we have not even mentioned his avowed desire to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Reach Out America urges you to protect us from this potentially disastrous appointment.

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The mission of this organization is to work with others in social and political action in order to safeguard our Constitutional rights. We will work to help America find peaceable solutions to world problems while strengthening democracy at home.

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