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Office of the President

November 21, 2005

The Honorable Arlen Specter
Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510-3802

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The upcoming hearings concerning the confirmation of Judge Samuel Alito to fill the vacancy on the United States Supreme Court is of great importance to prosecutors, others who work within law enforcement and all Americans.

At NDAA's recent Board of Directors meeting, we passed a Resolution of support and endorsement of Judge Alito recognizing his considerable experience, intelligence and respect for the law. Enclosed is a copy of our Resolution and the accompanying News Release.

We trust that you and your colleagues will balance our endorsement along with the views of other interested parties as you consider Judge Alto's ability to be confirmed as a Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you in the future on other issues of mutual interest and importance.

With high regard and thanks,

Sincerely,

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To Be the Voice of America's Prosecutors and to Support Their Efforts to Protect the Rights and Safety of the People

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RESOLUTION

NOMINATION OF JUDGE SAMUEL ALITO

WHEREAS Judge Samuel Alito of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals has been nominated by the President of the United States to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court created by the announced retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate, now considering the views of a wide range of interested parties in performing its Constitutional duties to Advise and Consent, should also hear the "Voice of America's Prosecutors," the National District Attorney's Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Alito's career has been marked with exceptional accomplishment and integrity as a student, lawyer, prosecutor and Judge. Judge Alito served all the American people in the Office of Solicitor General of the Department of Justice, arguing a dozen cases before the Supreme Court. Judge Alito served with distinction on the front lines as prosecutor, both as an Assistant United States Attorney and as a United States Attorney; and

WHEREAS, on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Alito has consistently and faithfully applied the law to the facts without regard to where that path would lead in a particular case. This has led Judge Alito to decide cases for and against the prosecution, but the National District Attorney's Association believes the American People's rights and safety from crime are best protected when Judges reach a result through reasoning based on the law, not the result desired. Judge Alito's record reflects he is such a judge; and

WHEREAS, the National District Attorney's Association is comprised of members as diverse as those we serve with comparably diverse views on politics, religion and public policy. However, on protecting America's families and neighborhoods from crime we speak with one voice.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National District Attorney's Association supports the confirmation of Judge Samuel Alito to the United States Supreme Court.

Adopted by the Board of Directors, November 5, 2005 (Chicago, Illinois)
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