



CNC...a human services organization

June 6, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Ranking Member:

The Cuban American National Council, a national Hispanic human services organization headquartered in Florida with offices in New Jersey and Washington DC, wants to express its full support for the nomination and expeditious confirmation of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Sotomayor is a highly qualified, accomplished and experienced nominee. From her humble beginnings in public housing in the Bronx, she went on to graduate summa cum laude from Princeton University and Yale Law School, two of the countries most prestigious and competitive academic institutions. Her extensive judicial experience and long history of fairness and adherence to the law, make her an exemplary candidate to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Many of Judge Sotomayor's opinions reflect a keen understanding of the appropriate limits of the judicial role, and the non-ideological and restrained character of her work has earned her the respect of colleagues and three United States Presidents. New York Second Circuit Judge Gerald Walpin, a New York former federal prosecutor, described Judge Sotomayor as "a nonactivist and judge who does not apply her own views but is bound by law". Judge Sotomayor was named as a U.S. District Court Judge by President George H.W. Bush in 1992 and was confirmed unanimously by the Senate. She was then elevated to her current seat, as a 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge, by President William Jefferson Clinton. President Barack Obama's nomination of Judge Sotomayor to the Supreme Court represents not only a historical milestone for the entire country, but it is also a testament to her unique judicial abilities and exemplary career.



A United Way Supported Agency

Main Office: 1223 SW 4th Street • Miami, FL 33135-2407 • Tel: (305) 642-3484 • Fax: (305) 642-9122
1444 I Street NW • Suite 800 • Washington, DC 20005 • Tel: (202) 898-4880 • Fax: (202) 835-3613
5575 S. Semoran Boulevard • Suite 5011 • Orlando, FL 32822 • Tel: (407) 282-4185 • Fax: (407) 282-4725
304-A 38th Street • Union City, NJ 07087 • Tel: (201) 325-8840 • Fax: (201) 325-8841
<http://www.cnc.org>

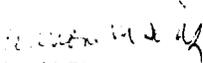


...a human services organization

As a Supreme Court Justice, Judge Sotomayor would bring more federal judicial experience to the highest court in the land than any Justice in 100 years, and more overall judicial experience than anyone confirmed for the Court in the past 70 years.

The Cuban American National Council urges the Senate Judiciary Committee to be diligent in its review of Judge Sotomayor's vast record and to act responsibly but expeditiously on this nomination. The Cuban American National Council is confident that the outcome of such a process will be a third Senate confirmation for Judge Sotomayor.

Sincerely,


Guarione M. Diaz
President and CEO