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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am pleased to inform you of our support for the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be the next Associate Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

As you know, the IACP is the world's oldest and largest association of law enforcement executives. With more than 20,000 members in over 100 countries the IACP has, throughout its 116 year history, been committed to advancing the law enforcement profession and promoting public safety.

It is for these reasons that the IACP is proud to endorse the nomination of Judge Sotomayor to the United States Supreme Court. Throughout her career, Judge Sotomayor has consistently demonstrated a firm understanding of, and a deep appreciation for, the challenges and complexities confronting our Nation's law enforcement officers. As a prosecutor, and at the District and Circuit Courts, Judge Sotomayor has clearly displayed her profound dedication to ensuring that our communities are safe and that the interests of justice are served.

The IACP believes that Judge Sotomayor's years of experience, her expertise and her unwavering dedication to the rule of law are evidence of her outstanding qualifications to serve as the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The IACP urges the Judiciary Committee and the members of the United States Senate to confirm Judge Sotomayor's nomination in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know how the IACP may be of further assistance in this vitally important process.

Sincerely,

Russell B. Laine
President