

## *Sample Letter To Your Senator*

July \_\_, 2009

The Honorable Senator [Insert Name]  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator [Insert Name]:

As you are one of our nation's leaders in the U.S. Senate, I write to urge you to support the confirmation of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court and ensure that she be treated with the fairness and respect due any Supreme Court nominee.

Judge Sonia Sotomayor has proven her qualifications throughout her legal career. She has shown a vast knowledge of the law, displayed the proper temperament and gained a breadth of experience that makes her an ideal nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court. She brings more federal judicial experience to the Supreme Court than any justice in 100 years, and more overall judicial experience than anyone confirmed for the Court in the past 70 years. She has served as a prosecutor, a corporate attorney, a trial judge and a federal appeals court judge. In her career, she participated in over 3000 panel decisions and authored roughly 400 opinions, handling difficult cases fairly and always with respect for precedent and the limits that the Constitution places on the role of the judiciary.

Judge Sotomayor's personal background and work ethic led to a life that will bring a unique perspective and set of experiences to our nation's highest Court. The fact that she got back on her feet after breaking her ankle to meet with your fellow Senators is just the latest example of her dedication to public service and commitment to the confirmation process.

For all these reasons, I urge you to support the nomination of Judge Sotomayor, one of the most qualified candidates to the court in the past century, knowing she represents not only a portfolio of respected judicial experience but also a commitment to justice. She is exactly the kind of judge I would be proud to see on our Supreme Court.

Sincerely,