



June 26, 2009

The Hon. Patrick Leahy  
 433 Russell Senate Office Building  
 United States Senate  
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you today with regards to the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States. In reviewing her outstanding record and her long experience as a judge in the lower courts, I believe that she is thoroughly qualified to fill this position.

Despite some very difficult situations that she was challenged with at an early age, Judge Sotomayor did not use them as excuses to simply get by in life or to fail. I believe it is what gave her the strength and determination to succeed in achieving each goal that she set for herself.

As a Cardinal Spellman H.S. graduate myself, and having the honor of being one of her classmates, I can attest to the fact that her leadership qualities were demonstrated as a young adult. Her love and dedication to Spellman and its' student government was just a glimpse into the strong, intelligent, and very capable individual that stands before you awaiting confirmation to the Supreme Court.

It is not only with Spellman pride, but with pride as an American that I ask you to confirm Judge Sonia Sotomayor's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmela Russo-Killeen".

Carmela Russo-Killeen