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**Statement of Doug Kendall, President, Constitutional Accountability Center, on the
Nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court of the United States**

Constitutional Accountability Center (CAC) applauds President Obama's historic nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the United States Supreme Court. While CAC's review of Judge Sotomayor's record is continuing, we already know that she is a brilliant lawyer who is committed to ruling based on the Constitution and the law, not on her own personal political views. As Judge Sotomayor herself stated in a recent dissenting opinion: "The duty of a judge is to follow the law, not to question its plain terms."

The next Supreme Court Justice will have a critical voice in important decisions involving the Constitution's text, history and core principles. She will help decide cases regarding constitutional rights and liberties and constitutional challenges to laws that matter to the lives of everyday Americans -- including cases involving voting rights, pay equity, and health, safety, and the environment. In Judge Sotomayor, we believe President Obama has found a nominee who will help ensure that the Constitution and laws are faithfully applied and remain true to their intended purpose as guardians of our rights, liberties, and equality.

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