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MANA Commends the Senate Judiciary Committee and Congratulates Judge Sotomayor on Successful and Insightful Nomination Hearings

Washington, D.C. -- MANA, A National Latina Organization, with headquarters in Washington, DC, twenty-six chapters and six affiliates across the nation, would like to extend our gratitude to the Senate Judiciary Committee members for their questions and consideration of Judge Sonia Sotomayor during her nomination hearing. Further, we would like to commend Judge Sotomayor on her admirable performance and endurance during the hearings.

To the members of the committee, for treating Judge Sotomayor with the reverence and honor merited by her incomparable achievements and service to this great nation, we thank you for facilitating a thorough exploration of her qualifications. It is immensely valuable for the American people that the committee consider a full picture of Judge Sotomayor's career and experiences. Judge Sotomayor has gone beyond expectations, upholding a standard of professionalism, transparency, and dignity as she responded to inquiries by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Her answers were thoughtful and well composed, reflecting the commitment she has repeatedly made to follow the law as it is written. She has demonstrated, in questioning, that she will not approach the bench with prejudices or preconceptions. She refuses to compromise her duty as a justice to pass judgment without a view and information inclusive of all of the relevant issues in their respective context.

Moving forward, we urge the members of the Senate to vote on Judge Sonia Sotomayor's nomination as soon as possible. The hearings have continually proven that Judge Sotomayor is fully qualified and fully committed to serving the United States of America as Supreme Court Justice. The hearings have verified that Judge Sotomayor, in her intelligence, fairness, and wisdom, is the right person for the position.

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***About MANA:** MANA, A National Latina Organization, is a nonprofit advocacy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. With chapters across the country, it is the oldest national Latina membership organization in the United States. MANA, whose mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy, envisions a national community of informed Latina activists working to improve the quality of life for all Hispanics. MANA also has the only national Latina mentoring program for girls 11 to 18, known as "HERMANITAS®".*