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Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> I wrote to you urging your strong consideration of a Latino appointment to the United States Supreme Court should a vacancy arise.

As you now consider selecting a candidate to succeed Justice David Souter, I respectfully suggest your consideration of one individual in particular who would make an outstanding justice: Judge Sonia Sotomayor who currently serves on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Sotomayor has a long and accomplished career as a jurist. She is recognized for her intellectual rigor and has garnered the deep respect of her peers on the bench. She possesses truly stellar credentials and reflects jurisprudence at the very highest levels. Her appointment would no doubt bring additional insight and add much needed diversity to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Sotomayor also is a compelling candidate for another, and equally important, reason. She possesses a quality of empathy that allows her to identify with the struggles and hopes of those that come before the federal bench.

As a daughter of Puerto Ricans of modest means--born and raised in the South Bronx--the challenges she confronted and overcame no doubt provide her with a depth of understanding for the struggles and challenges that confront many Americans.

I thank you for your consideration and on behalf of New York City's residents we look forward to working with you and your administration in the years ahead.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William C. Thompson, Jr." in a cursive style.

William C. Thompson, Jr.