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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Grassley:

On behalf of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, I am writing to express our unqualified support for the nomination of Caitlin J. Halligan for the position of United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Our Association was founded in 1901 and has almost 600 active members including Police Chiefs, Commissioners, Superintendents and other command level officers. Our primary purpose is to provide training for our members and to serve as an information hub for them as well. We take great pride in helping to advance the cause of professional policing and take very seriously our obligations to support individuals who we believe will serve our nation's criminal justice system well.

An examination of Ms. Halligan's credentials clearly indicates to us that she is one of those individuals. She has demonstrated an understanding of the need for strong law enforcement to protect those in our communities least able to protect themselves. She has extensive experience as an appellate lawyer and has worked on many important cases being handled by the most senior courts in our judicial system.

Our Board of Governors who represents police agencies across the State from the largest to the smallest have unanimously voted to endorse her nomination. We urge you to give her the most serious consideration for this most important appointment.

Thank you for your attention to our interests and please feel free to contact us if we may ever be of assistance.

Respectfully,

John P. Grebert
Executive Director