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April 22, 2011

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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 District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, I write to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of Caitlin J. Halligan for the position of United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

By way of background, DAASNY was formed in 1909 as a bipartisan organization to promote sound law enforcement policies in the State of New York. It consists of the 62 elected district attorneys in the entire state, many of their assistants, and the state Attorney General. About 40 of our member offices are located in rural counties, and have fewer than 10 lawyers to work with the police to prosecute all crimes within their jurisdictions.

The members of DAASNY, Republicans and Democrats, have come to know Ms. Halligan since her appointment by Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. as General Counsel in that office. In that capacity, she has tirelessly upheld the ideals of strong law enforcement and has partnered with DAASNY on numerous projects that are important to its law enforcement mission. As an appellate lawyer, she has worked on many important cases in the United States Supreme Court, the New York Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, with excellent results. The cases on which Ms. Halligan has worked have served to better the lives of average New Yorkers.

In sum, we have very much appreciated Ms. Halligan's commitment to the battle against crime. We are confident that she would bring the same commitment to the fair administration of justice as a Circuit Judge.

Sincerely,

Derek Champagne  
President

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