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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 New York State Sheriffs' Association, I am writing to express our unqualified enthusiasm 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 1934 and is comprised of the 58 county Sheriffs of New York State. Since 1934 we have been working, on a bi-partisan basis, to improve law enforcement services and public safety for our citizens. In the course of our efforts we have had the good fortune to encounter many outstanding public servants. One of the very best and brightest has been Caitlin Halligan. During her outstanding legal career she has shown the ability to skillfully balance the sometimes seemingly conflicting interests of individual rights and societal good. She has the proper temperament to serve on the court firmly and fairly. We have every confidence that she will make an outstanding Judge on this most important Federal Court.

We are very pleased to give our unqualified support for Ms. Halligan's appointment and confirmation to the United States Circuit Court for the District of Columbia. We urge you to give her the most serious consideration for confirmation to this most important post.

Thank you for your kind attention to our opinion in this matter and please feel free to contact us if we may ever be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

**PETER R. KEHOE**  
 Executive Director

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