



**THE POLICE COMMISSIONER  
CITY OF NEW YORK**

May 26, 2011

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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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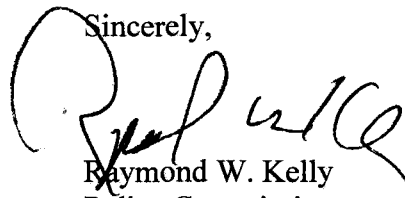
Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Grassley:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Caitlin J. Halligan to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. I am familiar with the work of Ms. Halligan in her capacity as Counsel to the New York County District Attorney.

Ms. Halligan possesses the three qualities most important for a nominee: intelligence, a judicial temperament, and personal integrity. Ms. Halligan is without question an attorney with a keen legal intellect. Indeed, the rapid successes of her career since graduating from law school in 1995 provide ample evidence of her intelligence and abilities. With regard to her temperament, the interactions between Ms. Halligan and my staff consistently demonstrate an even-handed disposition in navigating potential conflicts between police and prosecutors in New York City. Lastly, Ms. Halligan's personal integrity is simply without question.

In sum, Ms. Halligan possesses all the qualities required for a successful federal appellate judge, and I highly recommend her for such a position.

Sincerely,



Raymond W. Kelly  
Police Commissioner