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Changing the Face of Policing

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 National Center for Women and Policing (NCWP), I am writing to express our utmost support for the nomination of Caitlin J. Halligan for the position of United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

A division of the Feminist Majority Foundation, the NCWP has been working since 1995 to educate criminal justice policy makers, the media and the public about the impacts of increasing the representation of women in policing. Our goals include ensuring that gender is always considered during the analysis of contemporary policing issues, and that law enforcement agencies strive for gender balancing their departments. 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 overall.

Ms. Halligan is clearly an individual we would want to support to serve our criminal justice system at the national level. Her extensive experience either representing cases before the Supreme Court or arguing cases before the state and federal appellate courts whether as the Solicitor General for New York State, the Counsel for New York County's District Attorney Office or for private practice is impressive. Her pro bono work on the memorial for the World Trade Center is honorable. She is clearly a person of solid standing and integrity – a person we would want serving the people at one of our highest courts.

We are confident she would provide fair and equal justice and therefore respectfully request your consideration for Ms. Halligan for this critical appointment.

Respectfully,

Director