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

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am writing on behalf of the AFL-CIO to urge you to vote to confirm Solicitor General Elena Kagan to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. A nomination to the Supreme Court is of paramount importance to the AFL-CIO, as the Supreme Court has a profound impact on the lives of working people.

General Kagan has an exemplary professional record and stellar academic credentials. Throughout the course of her career she has demonstrated her independence of thought, strong respect for the rule of law, and ability to build consensus. Given her reputation for fairness, it is not surprising that General Kagan's nomination has garnered broad support across partisan and ideological lines.

During her confirmation hearing General Kagan thoroughly demonstrated her commitment to uphold the constitutional rights of all. She also articulated an understanding of the deference due Congressional intent which will benefit all those who seek to cure legal violations and obtain justice.

The AFL-CIO is pleased to urge the Committee to report the nomination of Solicitor General Kagan favorably to the full Senate, and to support her swift confirmation as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Sincerely,

William Samuel, Director
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

cc: Senate Judiciary Committee