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## **LEGISLATIVE ALERT!**

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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I urge you to vote to confirm Solicitor General Elena Kagan to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Nominations to the Supreme Court are of paramount importance to the AFL-CIO because the Supreme Court has a profound impact on the lives of working people.

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

During General Kagan's confirmation hearing, she expressed her appreciation for the importance of deferring to congressional intent. We believe this approach could be of great benefit to all those who seek to cure violations of the law and obtain justice, in the face of rising judicial activism on the right. General Kagan has also demonstrated her genuine commitment to upholding the constitutional and statutory rights of all.

The AFL-CIO is pleased to support the nomination of Elena Kagan to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and to urge her swift confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

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