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## **Dr. Coburn's Statement on Judge Sonia Sotomayor**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - U.S. Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) released the following statement today regarding the nomination of U.S. Circuit Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"At a time when the administration and Congress are contemplating taking unprecedented control of Americans' lives in areas like health care and the economy, it is critical that the Supreme Court reaffirm, not undermine, our Constitution's limited role for Congress and the President. The American people need judges who will interpret the Constitution, not rewrite it based on ideology or personal opinion," Dr. Coburn said.

"Judge Sotomayor deserves fair and open hearings and a dignified confirmation process. Our views about the nominee and our procedural decisions should be informed by what we learn about the nominee's qualifications and her commitment to interpreting the Constitution," Dr. Coburn said.

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