



Statement of U.S. Senator Russ Feingold

On the Nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be Associate Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court

"I congratulate Judge Sonia Sotomayor on her nomination to the United States Supreme Court and President Obama on his first Supreme Court nomination. I supported Judge Sotomayor's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1998 and from all accounts, she is a highly qualified and very experienced judge. Judge Sotomayor's nomination marks a historic moment for our nation. She is the first Hispanic American to be nominated to our nation's highest court and if confirmed, she would be just the third woman to serve on the Court. Evaluating a Supreme Court nominee is a responsibility I take very seriously considering the significant impact a Supreme Court justice can have on our country. I look forward to thoroughly reviewing Judge Sotomayor's record and questioning her during the Judiciary Committee's hearings."

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