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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR

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Ms. Anthony Bergamo
Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc.
335 Madison Avenue
14th Floor
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Bergamo:

Thank you for inviting me to the Foundation's luncheon honoring the Honorable Robert M. Morgenthau. Clearly you know of my deep affection and respect for Mr. Morgenthau.

I would like nothing better than to participate in the events of the day. However, November 13, 2009 is a conference date for our Court, and I cannot travel to New York that day. My thoughts will be with Mr. Morgenthau and all of you.

With warmest regards,



Sonia Sotomayor
Supreme Court Justice of the United States

A native of the Bronx, Judge Sotomayor began her legal career in 1979 as an Assistant District Attorney in New York County. In 1984 and until her first judicial appointment, she practiced with the law firm of Pavia & Harcourt as an associate and later partner. Her focus at the firm was intellectual property issues and international litigation and arbitration of commercial and commodity export trading cases. She also served as a member of the Second Circuit Task Force on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts and was formerly on the Board of Directors of the State of New York Mortgage Agency, the New York City Campaign Finance Board, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Maternity Center Association.

After graduating from Princeton University summa cum laude in 1976, Judge Sotomayor attended Yale Law School. At Yale, she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal and managing editor of the Yale Studies in World Public Order.

Judge Sotomayor is a frequent speaker and panelist at bar conferences and law schools. She has received honorary law degrees from Lehman College (1999), Princeton University (2001), Brooklyn Law School (2001), Pace University School of Law (2003), Hofstra University (2006), and Northeastern University School of Law (2007).

Judge Sotomayor is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York City Chapter of the Women's Bar Association, the National Hispanic Bar Association, the Puerto Rican Bar Association and the Association of Hispanic Judges and the American Philosophical Society. She was given the Outstanding Latino Professional Award in 2006 by the Latino/a Law Students Association.

Judge Sotomayor has served as an United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York and has been a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In May 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Judge Sotomayor for appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace retired Justice David Souter. Her nomination was confirmed by the United States Senate in August 2009 by a vote of 68-31.