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## **Martinez Statement on the Confirmation of Judge Sotomayor**

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL) today issued the following statement regarding his intent to support the confirmation of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be Associate Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

"Given her judicial record, and her testimony this week, it is my determination that Judge Sotomayor is well-qualified to serve as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

"Judge Sotomayor is knowledgeable of the law, would be a fair and impartial judge, and seems to have a good understanding of the limited role the judiciary plays in our democracy.

"Judge Sotomayor's rise to the Supreme Court is testimony to the fact that the American dream continues to be attainable. As an Hispanic American, I take great pride in Judge Sotomayor's historic achievement. Given her qualifications and testimony this week, I intend to vote in favor of her confirmation."

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