

**Draft Remarks**  
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I am here today as General Chairman of the Susan B. Anthony List, owner and President of a strategic marketing small business and a mother. With every fiber of my being, I urge a swift and fair confirmation process for Judge Samuel Alito, both because the Constitution demands it for all judicial nominees and because Sam Alito will be a Supreme Court justice of the highest caliber. He is exactly the kind of judge that President Bush promised to select during his 2000 and 2004 campaigns - that is, a judge with stellar credentials who faithfully and impartially interprets the law, rather than allowing his personal opinions to influence his decisions and legislating from the bench.

Judge Alito has more prior judicial experience than any Supreme Court nominee in over 70 years. He served for 15 years on the prestigious Third Circuit Court of Appeals - a position for which he was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate - and before that as the U.S. Attorney for New Jersey. And, after graduating from Princeton University and Yale Law School with distinction, he argued 12 cases before the Supreme Court while working for the U.S. Solicitor General.

Most importantly, Judge Alito has shown a mastery of the law, a deep commitment to justice, and the highest character. His colleagues, including Democrats and liberals, describe him as scholarly, fair-minded, and principled. Various colleagues recount being curious about what his personal views were, because he never allowed those views to be part of his decision-making process.

As a woman, I am particularly pleased to be here today, because Judge Alito has such an outstanding record of fairness and devotion to upholding the rights of all Americans, not just those favored by powerful special interests.

Given Judge Alito's impeccable record and character, it is particularly unfortunate that a large coalition of liberal groups have attempted to block his confirmation by distorting his record. They oppose Judge Alito because he is not the type of activist judge that they have long

depended on to implement their liberal policies, such as abolishing the traditional definition of marriage, ignoring the rights of parents of minors to be informed about their child's abortion and abolishing the laws which protect children from Internet pornography -- in other words, policies that lack the popular support to be implemented democratically.

The efforts of these liberal groups have been ineffective so far, but their resulting frustration ensures that their misleading campaign will intensify over the next few weeks. The good news is that, no matter how many advertising dollars they throw at trying to paint Judge Alito as out of the mainstream, it is they who will continue to appear extreme. For it is precisely the views of mainstream America that these groups are trying to circumvent in the courts.

In closing, I believe Judge Samuel Alito will be an outstanding Supreme Court Justice for all Americans and he deserves a swift and fair confirmation process.