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FAR LEFT LIBERALS PLAN ATTACKS AGAINST JUDGE ALITO

ALITO: A JUDGE'S JUDGE

(Washington, DC) – Radical leftist interest groups, all of which opposed the overwhelmingly approved Chief Justice Roberts, are again attacking President Bush's nomination of Judge Samuel A. Alito to the Supreme Court. Nan Aron, head of Alliance for Justice, has even declared: "you name it, we'll do it" to stop Alito's confirmation. However, the left's attacks are completely unwarranted.

Speaking on behalf of the 3000 lawyers and law students who comprise the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA), Tricia Paoletta, RNLA Vice President for Communications, stated:

Just as Chief Justice Roberts was a lawyer's lawyer, Judge Alito is a judge's judge. It is widely acknowledged that Judge Alito is the most experienced and qualified nominee to the Supreme Court in the last 73 years. He has proven over his fifteen years on the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, having written opinions in close to 300 cases and being involved in roughly 3,000 cases, that he is a judge who seeks to strictly apply the law and not to legislate from the bench.

As his colleague on the Third Circuit, federal appellate Judge Leonard Garth, stated: "I think he is the brightest person on our court." Like Judge Garth, those who have worked with him and have practiced before him from all parts of the ideological spectrum all recognize his intellect, fairness and judicial temperament.

Maybe that is why many on the far left are ignoring his judicial record and instead desperately trying to make an issue out of memorandums and even a job application written by Judge Alito over 20 years ago before he was a judge.

Even if these memos or job application are a glimpse into his personal views, it is important to note that this is not relevant. Judge Alito was recently quoted by Senator Diane Feinstein of California as stating, 'I don't give heed to my personal views. What I do is interpret the law...I'm now a judge. I've been on the Circuit Court for 15 years. It's very different. I'm not an advocate.'

When looking at his opinions and decisions over his 15 years as a judge, there is no question that Judge Alito has remained true to that statement and should be confirmed. RNLA calls upon the Senate to ignore the far left, hold hearings, examine Judge Alito's judicial record fairly, and hold a timely vote. We are confident that all fair-minded Senators will join us in supporting Judge Alito.

The 3,000 members of the Republican National Lawyers Association are proud to extend their endorsement and support of this distinguished nominee. We join the President in supporting this nomination and urge timely confirmation of Judge Alito by the U.S. Senate. As liberals attack Judge Alito's character and record, the RNLA has announced the availability of a nationwide panel of lawyers to provide professional perspectives on him. For more info visit: www.rnla.org/speakers.asp or call 703-719-6335.

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