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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I am writing to urge you to support cloture on the motion to proceed to the nomination of Catlin Halligan to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and to vote for her nomination. Ms. Halligan is highly qualified to serve on this important court.

Ms. Halligan has a broad range of professional experience in private practice, government service, and academia. She has an impressive record in public service, having served as the Solicitor General for the State of New York from 2001 to 2007 and as General Counsel for the New York County District Attorney's office.

Ms. Halligan has garnered support from a broad range of organizations, including a bipartisan group of America's most renowned appellate advocates, the National District Attorneys Association, the New York State Sheriffs' Association, and New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly.

In short, Ms. Halligan is extremely well qualified. She clerked for Supreme Court Justice Breyer and D.C. Circuit Judge Patricia Wald, and she was the managing editor of the Georgetown Law Journal. She has received a unanimous rating of "well qualified" from the American Bar Association.

Ms. Halligan has shown an appreciation of the rule of law. Her testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee reflects her commitment to following Supreme Court precedent and to deferring to legislative intent.

The AFL-CIO is pleased to support the nomination of Caitlin Halligan to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and we urge her confirmation.

Sincerely,

William Samuel, Director
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