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## **Klobuchar Statement on Nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court**

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement on the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court.

"As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I look forward to reviewing Sonia Sotomayor's nomination. I have always believed that a Supreme Court Justice should demonstrate an independent breadth of mind and character, with an open-minded, fair approach to the facts and the law. The Supreme Court is the final arbiter of our laws, and it is essential that we have a Supreme Court Justice who will command the trust of the American people.

"I am impressed that Judge Sotomayor is someone who knows the Constitution and the law, but who also knows America. Her father died when she was a child and she grew up in humble circumstances. Her mother struggled to pay for a set of encyclopedias because she wanted to provide her children with every opportunity to learn.

"Judge Sotomayor would bring to the Supreme Court a unique combination of legal experience as a prosecutor, a private lawyer, a trial judge and an appellate judge. As a federal judge, she also ended the baseball strike in 1995. Anybody who brought baseball back to America deserves our warm consideration.

"Along with my Senate colleagues, I look forward to meeting with her and asking about her background and her views. I intend to review her nomination before I make a final decision. But, at this point, I'm very positive about her nomination."

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