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July 12, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, the non-partisan coalition of the 40 largest national Hispanic organizations in the United States, strongly urges you to seize the historic opportunity offered by the retirement of Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to nominate the first Hispanic to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The nomination you are about to make comes at a critical time in our nation's history and in the history of the Hispanic community. Hispanics are now the largest minority in the United States. Our contributions in every aspect of our society are critical to our nation's future. As a community, we face unique challenges to our rights and liberties. Therefore, it is time that a Hispanic be appointed to the Supreme Court, so that our highest court reflects our nation's diversity, and so that Hispanics have a full voice in ensuring the protection of our civil liberties and individual rights.

The Hispanic community will not, however, sacrifice its rights and liberties for the sake of diversity on the court. We would not support, or accept, a nominee just because he or she is Hispanic. We urge you as well to nominate a jurist who is not only highly qualified and experienced, but who also reflects the fundamental values of our community. Your nominee must be committed to expanding, not limiting, opportunities for Hispanic Americans in education, health, housing, government and business, and to vigorously protecting, not restricting, the civil rights and basic freedoms we have fought so hard to attain. Specifically, we urge you to appoint a person who will support the many rights we have gained through our decades of struggle for equality, including employment and economic opportunity, voting rights, compassionate and effective immigration policies, and protection of our environment.

Mr. President, we seek a nominee who is fair, unbiased and compassionate, and who will unite, not divide, our community or our country.

Sincerely,

Ronald Blackburn-Moreno, Chairman  
President and CEO, ASPIRA Association

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