

COOPER STATEMENT ON SOTOMAYOR NOMINATION

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Rep. Cooper praises President Obama's nomination of Sotomayor for Supreme Court Justice

NASHVILLE—Congressman Jim Cooper issued the following statement in response to President Obama's nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to serve on the United States Supreme Court:

"President Obama's Supreme Court nominee has a distinguished record and is viewed as a rigorous judge who applies the law fairly and impartially. Judge Sonia Sotomayor certainly embodies the American dream: she grew up in housing projects, worked hard and eventually graduated at the top of her class at Princeton. If confirmed, she would make history as the first Hispanic American to serve on the Supreme Court. She clearly is a scholar, not an ideologue, having been nominated to the federal bench by George H.W. Bush.

"I don't have a vote on her nomination, but like all Americans I look forward to learning more about Judge Sotomayor over the next several weeks. She seems to possess a sharp legal mind and has earned a reputation as a fair-minded judge. By all accounts, President Obama has made a good choice."

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