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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500
EMUNAH WOMEN OF AMERICA IS VERY GRATIFIED AT YOUR APPOINTMENT OF
SANDRA O'CONNOR TO THE SUPREME COURT, SHE STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT
CONGRESS MAKES THE LAWS AND THE ROLE OF THE SUPREME COURT IS SIMPLY
TO JUDGE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF SUCH LAWS. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT
YOU FOUND A WOMAN WHO HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A SUPREME COURT
JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES. WE HAIL YOUR RECOGNITION OF MERIT.
SHIRLEY BILLET NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND TOBY WILLIG VICE-PRESIDENT
PUBLIC AFFAIRS
370 7 AVE
NEW YORK NY 10001

10:55 EST



Women's League for Conservative Judaism

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An organization of Sisterhoods dedicated to the perpetuation of traditional Judaism

Associated with The Jewish Theological Seminary of America July 17, 1981 15 Tammuz 5741

The President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Women's League for Conservative Judaism, representing over 200,000 women in these United States, congratulates you on your recommendation for appointment to the vacancy on the United States Supreme Court of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor. She is a talented, well qualified person, who would fill this vacancy with distinction. You, Mr. President, have shown us that your choices are for people with talent in every field, regardless of sex.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Murry Kweller National President

GK:MW



370 SEVENTH AVENUE, SUITE 11N NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10001 (212) 564-9045

Shirley Billet National President



July 13, 1981

Mr. Jack Stein Assistant to the President The White House Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Stein:

As President Reagan's liaison to the Jewish community, you are well aware that the continued safety and prosperity of American Jewry depends largely on our country's ability to guarantee the rights of all its citizens. The nomination of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court is another step in the fulfillment of millions of women's struggle for equality and therefore ranks with the nomination of Justice Louis Brandeis in the country's history. The 180,000 members of Emunah Women, the International Women's Religious Zionist Movement, urge your support of Judge O'Connor's nomination and your efforts to insure her confirmation by the full Senate.

During a period when this country is dangerously fragmented on so many vital issues, it is encouraging to see our political leadership standing behind the nomination of such an eminently qualified Supreme Court Justice. Sandra Day O'Connor's superb record as an Arizona state legislator and as a judge on the Arizona state Court of Appeals guarantees that she will capably serve in her capacity as associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Emunah Women, in whose name I speak, is the American branch of the International Women's Religious Zionist Movement, with affiliates in 16 other countries throughout the world. Through its members and activities, Emunah Women supports more than 200 social service institutions, including child-care, medical, geriatric and nursing facilities, in Israel, the United States and Emunah Women is the largest organization of its kind in the Orthodox Jewish community.

Again, please accept our support and thanks for your efforts on behalf of Judge O'Connor's nomination.

Sincerely,

Judy Pelman Roberta Epstein (South East) Judy Goldman (North East) Interorganizational Vice Presidents

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada are or have released a statement expressing extreme disappointment with President Reagan's nominee to the Supreme Court. If this is not presently on a wire service it will be shortly. One of the Pro-Life groups was called by the Executive Director, Hersch Ginsberg of this group.

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500
DEAR MR PRESIDENT BNAI ZION COMMENDS YOUR SELECTION OF SANDRA
O'CONNOR AS AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT. WE BELIEVE
THAT SHE IS A FAIR MINDED, HONEST INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL BRING CREDIT TO
OUR HIGHEST COURT. VERY RESPECTFULLY YOURS
SIDNEY WIENER, PRESIDENT BNAI ZION
136 EAST 39 ST
NEW YORK NY 10016

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TELEPHONE: (212) 532-1740

SHIRLEY I. LEVITON NATIONAL PRESIDENT DADIE PERLOV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 14, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

On behalf of the 100,000 members of the National Council of Jewish Women, I commend you on your nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor as Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Since 1893, the National Council of Jewish Women has been dedicated to the advancement of women and to insuring equal rights for all people. We are gratified that as President of the United States your decision is consonant with your campaign pledge and our long-standing efforts. Judge O'Connor has proven that she has the necessary expertise and insight to serve in this capacity based upon her past performance in public office.

We hope that all Americans will benefit from the contribution she will make to this court and to the protection of our cherished constitutional freedoms.

Sincerely,

Shirley I. Leviton National President

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA JACOB AND LIBBY GOODMAN ZOA HOUSE . 4 EAST 34™ STREET . NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 . (212) 481-1500 032132 FICE OF THE PRESIDENT July 13, 1981 President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500 Dear Mr. President: We heartily agree with your appointment of Mrs. Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court of the United States. We are confident that your selection was made in the best interest of what is good for the country and its system of justice. We commend you on your decision which we are sure was made with considerable thought. With every good wish. Very respectfully yours, President IJN/cg cc: Jacob Stein James Baker

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Office of the President

July 13, 1981

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High every good wish.

Very respectfully yours,

Ivan J. Novick President



O5 DLY WASHINGTON, DC JULY 10,1981.

PMS PERS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, DC ON BEHALF OF THE 500,000 MEMBERS OF BNAI BRITH, I STRONGLY ENDORSE HOYOUR SELECTION OF SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR FOR THE SUPREME COURT.

WE BELIEVE MRS. O'CONNOR'S REPUTATION AS A JURIST WITH GOOD JUDGEMENT AND BALANCED VIEWS MAKES HER MOST QUALIFIED TO SIT ON OR NATION'S HIGHEST COURT.

I CONGRATULATE YOU ON HER NOMINATION.

MOREOVER, AS AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE FULL PARTICIPAPIONTION OF WOMEN IONN OUR SOCIETY, WE APPLAUD THE PRECEDENT
YOU HAVE SET IN APPOINTING A QUALIFIED WOMAN.
WE LOOK FORWARDWE LOOK FORWARD TO A SPEEDY CONFIRMATION.
WITH KIND WISHES.
SINCERELY,
JACK J. SPITZER
BNAI BRITH INTERNATIONAL
TWX 710-822-0068
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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS WISE CONGRESS HOUSE, 15 EAST 84th STREET . NEW YORK, N. Y. 10028 . TRAFALGAR 9-4500

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Contact: Richard Cohen (212) 879-4500 For Immediate Release

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS HAILS DECISION TO APPOINT FIRST WOMAN TO UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

The American Jewish Congress has welcomed the announcement by President Reagan of his intention to nominate Sandra Day O'Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Abraham Goldstein, senior vice president of the Congress, declared in a statement:

"We are gratified that after 191 years of waiting, an American President has decided to appoint a woman to the Supreme Court of the United States. We applaud the Reagan Administration for this initiative.

"Judge O'Connor appears to be well qualified for the position. Her reputation for legal scholarship, her experience as a legislator and the bipartisan support her nomination has already received encourage us to believe that she will make a distinguished contribution to the deliberations of the high court.

"We trust that this appointment marks the beginning of an era in which women of accomplishment and ability in all fields will be accorded the recognition and the opportunity their talents deserve, without discrimination and on terms of full equality.

"To insure that this goal is achieved, we reiterate our support for the Eqaul Rights Amendment."

Joining in the statement were Chiae Herzig of Baltimore, Md., and Marion Wilen of Philadelphia, vice presidents of the American Jewish Congress and copresidents of the organization's national women's division.

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JACOB STEIN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20050

THIS IS A COPY OF ORIGINAL MAILGRAM SENT TO PRESIDENT REAGAN:

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HISTORIC NOMINATION OF JUDGE DICONNOR FOR SUPREME COURT, IT WAS BOTH WISE AND COURAGEOUS ACTION AND YOU DESERVE NATION'S PLAUDITS FOR IT.

HYMAN BOCKBINDER WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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JACK STEIN SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE WHITE HOUSE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC 20500

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF MAILGRAM SENT TO PRESIDENT REAGAN TODAY:

"IN BEHALF OF HADASSAH, ONE OF THE LARGEST WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR TO THE SUPREME COURT. THIS RECOGNITION OF TALENT, ABILITY, AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE, REGARDLESS OF SEX, MARKS A MILESTONE IN THE ENRICHMENT OF OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WHICH WILL BRING ADDED LUSTER TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION. WE THANK YOU FOR IT."

FRIEDA S LEWIS NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

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10:40 EST



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York, NY, July 8....The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today congratulated President Reagan for having selected Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a telegram to the President, Maxwell E. Greenberg, National Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, said:

"The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith extends its congratulations to you for having selected for the U.S. Supreme Court a highly qualified person who happens to be a female. This is fully consonant with your commitment to merit and to the abhorrence of discrimination. In one stroke, you have wisely and effectively served quality in government and shattered a longstanding pattern of sex discrmination."

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Jack Stein

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC 20500

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF BINAL BIRITH EXTEND ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU FOR HAVING SELECTED FOR THE US SUPREME COURT A HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSON WHO HAPPENS TO BE A FEMALE. THIS IS FULLY CONSONANT WITH YOUR COMMITMENT TO MERIT AND TO BE ABHORRENT OF DISCRIMINATION. IN ONE STRCKE YOU HAVE WISELY AND EFFECTIVELY SERVED QUALITY IN GOVERNMENT AND SHATTERED A LONGSTANDING PATTERN OF SEX DISCRIMINATION. SINCERELY,

MAXWELL E GREENBERG NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

09:15 EST



Union of American Hebrew Congregations

PATRON OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE – JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION 838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021 (212) 249-0100 CABLES: UNIONUAHC

July 8, 1981

Albert Vorspan Vice-President

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, representing 750 synagogues throughout the United States, warmly commends your history-making appointment of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court.

Our movement has always been deeply committed to the principle of equal justice and we have sought to apply that principle within our ranks in the ordination of women rabbis and in the full use of the talents of women in all phases of our movement.

Looking outward, we have supported equal rights, including the Equal Rights Amendment. We regard your appointment of a qualified women jurist to the highest court in the land as a ground-breaking action of great symbolic significance. This appointment gives new strength and meaning to the American promise of equal justice and equal opportunity for all Americans, regardless of race, creed, sex or origin.

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