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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators McConnell and Schumer,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to express our strong and unreserved support for the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta to be our nation's next Secretary for the U.S. Department of Labor.

While currently the Dean of the Florida International University College of Law (FIU), Mr. Acosta has a long and proud record of public service as well as a positive working relationship with the FOP and our nation's law enforcement community. He first served as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) until his appointment and subsequent confirmation by the Senate to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in 2002. He distinguished himself with his work on the NLRB before being tapped to return to DOJ and lead the Civil Rights Division, becoming our nation's first Hispanic Assistant Attorney General.

In 2005, Mr. Acosta left the Civil Rights Division, but not the Justice Department and joined the law enforcement community as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. While we were sorry to lose Alex in Washington, our Florida State Lodge were enthusiastic supporters of his appointment and were proud to see this Miami native return home and help to keep it safe.

During his tenure with the Justice Department in Washington and in Miami, Alex proved to be a true partner of the rank-and-file law enforcement officer. I also know from experience that Alex is fair-minded and committed to protecting the rights of the American worker. His cooperative approach to problem-solving, his skilled leadership, and strong sense of justice has served him well and, in turn, served the American people well.

— BUILDING ON A PROUD TRADITION —

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to offer Alex Acosta our strong and enthusiastic support. He will be an outstanding Secretary of Labor. If I can provide any more information in support of this nomination, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jim Pasco, Senior Advisor to the National President, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Canterbury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the name.

Chuck Canterbury  
National President