

**PEOPLE FOR THE ALITO WAY
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JUDGE ALITO VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE

Democrats Can't Resist Partisanship, Liberal Interest Groups

WASHINGTON , DC – **People for the Alito Way** , a coalition of more than 300 organizations supporting the **confirmation of Judge Samuel A. Alito as Associate Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court** , congratulates Judge Alito for clearing the first hurdle towards his confirmation with a 10-8 party line vote out of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"Polls show that a majority of Americans support Alito", said **William Greene, President of RightMarch.com** . "Newspapers have lent their endorsements – even liberal papers like the Washington Post and the L.A. Times – all agree that Judge Alito performed well during the hearings and should be confirmed to the US Supreme Court. Some Democrats now run the risk of joining their leftist supporters outside the mainstream."

"Judge Alito deserves to be seated on the Supreme Court without delay," said **Jan LaRue, Chief Counsel for Concerned Women for America** . "The president has made a superb choice in Judge Alito. The Senate should confirm his nomination by unanimous consent. Sadly, that won't happen because the process has been marred by partisan politics. Judge Alito's knowledge of constitutional law, along with his years of judicial experience, respect for the rule of law, and impeccable character and judicial temperament, were evident throughout his hearings." LaRue also stated, "Anybody who watched the Alito hearing with an open mind, not to be confused with holes in the head, knows the liberals' distortion of Alito's record is desperation and deception at the deepest level."

Paul Weyrich, Chairman and CEO of The Free Congress Foundation , released the following statement: "The party line vote in today's Judiciary Committee session was known from day one. I heard five days before Chairman Specter even banged his first gavel that every single Democrat on that Committee intended to vote against Judge Alito. So their shameful performance of cutthroat politics respecting the good judge was just a charade. Now the nomination of Judge

Alito to be an Associate Justice proceeds to the Senate floor. Given his performance before the Judiciary Committee, veteran Capitol Hill vote counters believed that Judge Alito would receive at least 65 votes. If, as it now seems, the vote for confirmation will be much closer, it will be a tribute to the fact that the pro abortionists, radical lifestyle advocates and extreme leftists such as MoveOn.org, now own the leadership of the once proud Democratic party. They don't own the rank and file, however, and it is they who will have the final say about all of this."

"After fifteen years of service on the federal court, and answering more than seven hundred questions, Judge Samuel Alito embodies the restrained and fair-minded judicial temperament our courts deserve. Today's favorable report from the Senate Judiciary Committee places Judge Alito one step closer to a lifetime of service on the Supreme Court," said **Family Research Council President Tony Perkins**. "With the nomination now before the full Senate, I call upon members of the Senate to engage in a fair and dignified debate, concluding in a timely up or down vote. Any further effort to delay and degrade this process is unacceptable."

Congressman Trent Franks of Arizona commented, "Samuel Alito has proven himself to be a principled, highly qualified jurist who faithfully adheres to and reveres the original intent of the Constitution. This is a political grand slam and a principled move by the President that will bring grateful reverberations for generations to come."

Traditional Values Coalition Executive Director Andrea Lafferty attended the Senate Judiciary Committee vote on Judge Alito. "This went exactly as expected," said Mrs. Lafferty. "The Democrats continued to distort Judge Alito's distinguished record as a federal judge and then used this hearing as an opportunity to bash President Bush's efforts to protect Americans from Islamic terrorism. This use of a confirmation hearing for political gain is unethical and crude. The party-line vote shows just how out of mainstream these liberals are with the American people. We look forward to Judge Alito's confirmation to the Supreme Court later this week."

"Congratulations to Judge Samuel Alito on moving one more excruciating step toward confirmation. This is quite an achievement given the climate created by groups on the Left who are far out of the mainstream. These extremist organizations have changed the judicial nominations process into a political campaign for office, and the only ones voting on their side in these elections are those directly influenced by campaign contributions. Judge Alito is the most qualified nominee to the Supreme Court in over 70 years and has a 'well-qualified' rating from the decidedly liberal American Bar Association. Not one Senate Judiciary Democrat had the courage

to cut the strings of their extreme leftist puppet-masters and vote for this obviously qualified nominee," said **Kay Daly, President of the Coalition for a Fair Judiciary** .

"Judge Alito is imminently credentialed and well qualified (perhaps one of the best qualified ever) to serve on the Court. He has a brilliant mind; is a decent, honorable man and he certainly demonstrated he has the demeanor and temperament to serve," said **Phyllis Berry Myers, President of the New Black Leadership Coalition** . "No more delay, now that Judge Alito's nomination has been sent to the full Senate. Just vote. Confirm Judge Alito – now."

"Over three days and 700 questions, Judge Alito demonstrated to the American people that he is in the legal mainstream and that he has an excellent, principled understanding of the role of a Justice in our democracy. Americans overwhelmingly support Judge Alito for a seat on the Supreme Court," said **Patricia Paoletta, Republican National Lawyers Association Vice President for Communication** .

"Judge Alito is eminently qualified to serve on the Supreme Court, the American Bar Association agrees, and the latest polling shows that 54% of Americans want him confirmed", **Fidelis President Joseph Cella** commented in a statement to the press. "There is no reason for Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) to block a final up or down vote on Judge Alito's nomination from happening this Friday."

"Sam Alito is much less to the right of center than Ruth Bader Ginsburg was to the left of center when she was confirmed, almost unanimously, by Republicans," commented **Dr. John C. Eastman, Professor of Law with Chapman University School of Law** . "The Judiciary Committee Democrats' behavior is really despicable. They seem to have failed to appreciate the significance of elections in 2000, 2002, and 2004. They lost, yet they refuse to acknowledge that fact. Sam Alito will make a terrific justice, just the kind that the American people expected when they elected George Bush not once but twice—someone who will faithfully apply the law and the Constitution as written, not as Nan Aaron and Ralph Neas would like it to be."

"Given the ruthless nature of the hearings and the partisan cancer that afflicts some Senate Democrats, no one should be surprised that Sam Alito cleared the committee on a party line vote," said **Institute For Liberty President, Jason Wright** . "Judge Alito could have been a member of Planned Parenthood and appeared before the committee wearing a 'Hillary '08' t-shirt

and they still would have opposed him. That's the price of answering to extreme liberal special interest groups instead of actually working on behalf of their constituents."

"This party-line vote marks the beginning of the end of an era of sweeping, unlimited judicial power as exercised by social liberals. The Supreme Court is now being returned by the American people to the traditional role envisioned by the framers of the Constitution. While this is a very good day for the Constitution, for Judge Alito and his family, it is, however, yet another sad moment in the United States Senate's judicial confirmation process," said **Jeffrey Lord, former Political Director in the Reagan White House and author** .

"Judge Samuel Alito has demonstrated himself as a man of integrity and courage. After the way he was treated in the judiciary committee, he and his family should not be subjected to further partisan abuse. His name 'Alito' means 'breath' and we hope and pray that Justice Alito will be a breath of judicial renewal to the Supreme Court," said **Phillip L. Jauregui of the Judeo-Christian Council** .

"No one who believes in the rule of law or republican self-government could possibly object to the overturning of Roe v. Wade," said **Joseph A. D'Agostino, Vice President for Communications with the Population Research Institute** . "Judge Alito's opponents oppose him primarily because he just might vote to take abortion regulation out of the hands of federal judges and return it to state legislatures. We thank Sen. Specter for his excellent performance as chairman of Judge Alito's hearings and look forward to a rapid confirmation vote on the Senate floor, without obstructive filibustering from Democrats who can't muster a majority to stop him any more than they can muster a democratic majority for the abortion-on-demand regime imposed on America by Roe."

"Judge Alito displayed amazing temperament and brilliance in the law in both his written and oral testimony before the Senate Judiciary committee," said **Christian Legal Society's Executive Director Samuel B. Casey** . Casey added: "He answered over 700 questions in three days of testimony – more than any prior Supreme Court nominee. His qualifications and record have won the endorsement of many of the nation's top liberal newspapers. He has the support of the liberal American Bar Association, which has given him its highest rating. He has the support of Senator Ben Nelson, a Nebraska Democrat. He has the support of Democrats who clerked for him and know his record better than anyone."

Federal Circuit Court Judge Samuel Alito was nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court by President George W. Bush. People for the Alito Way believes in a fair hearing followed by a civil debate and a prompt vote. For more information please visit www.peopleforthealitoway.com .

