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November 17, 1986

The Honorable Arnold I. Burns  
Deputy Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Arnold:

I write concerning the upcoming opening in the office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

I enthusiastically endorse for that most important position Samuel A. Alito, Jr. I know that because of his outstanding work in the office of the Solicitor General, his exceptional qualities are already well-known to you. The same undoubtedly is true with respect to his academic achievements at Princeton where he was Phi Beta Kappa and a Woodrow Wilson School scholar, and at Yale, where he was editor of the Yale Law Journal and achieved other distinctions.

Thus I write from a different perspective. Mr. Alito served as an Assistant United States Attorney from 1977 to 1981 and appeared before me in various matters. He was probably the best of the many outstanding Assistants in the office during that time. He was always well prepared and handled himself in a highly professional manner. In short, it was always a pleasure to have him before me.

Beyond my own experience with Mr. Alito, I can state that other judges, my colleagues at the time, always spoke in glowing terms about Mr. Alito. Thus, it was with some regret that we saw him leave to join the Solicitor General in 1981.

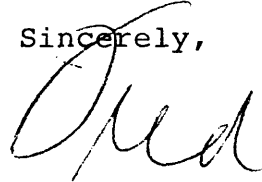
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As you know, prior to my becoming a judge, I was United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey from 1969 to 1971. I still have an affection for that office which moves me to want to see it well served. Thus, I strongly urge that Mr. Alito be your choice. I know that his tenure in that office would be a highly successful one, both from the perspective of the Department of Justice and the public at large.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Frederick B. Lacey