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### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONFIRMATION OF JUDGE CLARENCE THOMAS AS AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Citizens for Law and Order (CLO) is a grassroots organization of citizens committed to a reduction of violent crime and the achievement of a truly balanced and fair criminal justice system. We are proud of our two decade record of advocacy and accomplishment. As an umbrella group, we represent over forty thousand (40,000) individuals nationwide who are active in criminal law issues.

The U.S. Supreme Court plays an absolutely critical role in assuring the maintenance of a healthy, fair and balanced criminal justice system. Its decisions on criminal law issues impact both on individual litigants and on the Federal and State court systems for years to come. Given this importance of the Court and its individual Justices, CLO commissioned Barbara K. Bracher, a litigation attorney for a major Washington, D.C. law firm, to prepare a report on the judicial philosophy of Judge Clarence Thomas as it is reflected in his criminal law and procedure opinions on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Our own research and our reading of Ms. Bracher's report lead us to the conviction that Judge Thomas will bring to the Court a voice of reason, fairness, and balance in the area of criminal justice. He promises to be equally as forthright in protecting the rights and concerns of victims and the community at large as those of criminal defendants. A thoughtful jurist with both a keen intellect and a restrained judicial temperament, he will very likely bring certainty and predictability to this area of the law. He has demonstrated a common sense approach to questions of criminal law and procedure, consistently recognizing the practical problems faced by law enforcement officials on the street. And, very importantly, he sees his charter as construing and interpreting the law, and not shaping it to fit his own personal predilections or private agenda.

Considering these positive judicial attributes, and noting as well the fine qualities reflected in Judge Thomas' background, personal history, and career to date, Citizens for Law and Order (CLO) is

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pleased to endorse Judge Clarence Thomas' nomination to the United States Supreme Court.

As an all volunteer, strictly non-partisan organization, we have not given this endorsement lightly. As an organization, however, with a special concern for victims, it is given in the conviction that Judge Thomas, by virtue of the attributes cited above, will effectively balance the scales of justice by insuring for victims true equality before the law.

A copy of Ms. Bracher's report is appended.

  
Phyllis M Callas  
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