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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
THE HONORABLE ANTHONY M. KENNEDY
TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT**

During his twelve (12) year tenure as a Judge on the United States District Court of Appeals, the Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy has participated in over one thousand four hundred (1,400) decisions and has authored over four hundred (400) opinions. He has served a distinguished career on the Federal bench, and, as a result of his experience, his legal abilities, and his integrity, he has gained the support of a wide spectrum of individuals and organizations for his nomination.

As you part-take in this confirmation process, I urge you, as a representative of the citizens of your state, to take into consideration the experience, abilities, and integrity of Judge Kennedy. I pray that you will not be swayed by the attacks on Judge Kennedy by those who oppose any nominee to the United States Supreme Court that is put forth by President Reagan. During the retention election for the California State Supreme Court in 1986, cries were heard from all over the State of California that then Chief Justice Rose Bird and Associate Justices Cruz Reynoso and Joseph Grodin should be voted upon on the basis of their abilities, and not on the basis of their ideological beliefs. I would respectfully suggest that these cries be heeded in this instance and that you vote to confirm Justice Kennedy as an Associate Justice on the United States Supreme Court.

Respectfully Submitted,


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