

Statement on Behalf of

The Honorable William H. Rehnquist
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

For

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Before the Senate Judiciary Committee

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Senator Thurmond, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the National Law Enforcement Council, an umbrella group representing, through their executive heads, fourteen national law enforcement organizations, wishes to be on record in favor of President Reagan's nomination of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. We believe Judge Rehnquist's fifteen years as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, his experience as Assistant Attorney General of the United States, as an active and successful attorney in private practice, and his experience as a law clerk to a Supreme Court Justice, give the nominee the extensive background and experience we look for in our Chief Justice.

Judge Rehnquist demonstrated early in life an outstanding ability to learn, understand, and apply the law. As a student, he always stood first in his class. This was true in his secondary school years where he stood out as an outstanding student. He graduated first in his class at Stanford Law School in 1952 after receiving his B.A. "with great distinction", earning him election into the highest academic fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. He also earned advanced degrees from Stanford and Harvard Universities.

Few have ever attempted to question this man's intellectual ability, or his understanding of the law, its application to the

rights of our citizens, and the meaning of our Constitution as it applies to the rights of every citizen to protection under the laws of our country.

As members of the law enforcement/criminal justice community sworn to provide protection for every citizen against violence and rights guaranteed by laws and the United States Constitution, we feel that Judge Rehnquist has demonstrated his ability to interpret and write his findings in legal cases to protect the citizens of this great land of ours. We believe that his high intelligence and demonstrated knowledge of the beliefs of our founding fathers as we know them in our Constitution, will help advance the needs of our law enforcement community to be able to act quickly, when necessary, to protect our citizens against law breakers, and violence associated with those that do not believe in upholding our laws.

This statement is being made on behalf of the following national law enforcement criminal justice organizations who have given their unanimous approval for this statement to be submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee on behalf of Judge Rehnquist to be Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Associations of Federal Investigators
Federal Criminal Investigators Association
FBI National Academy Associates
Fraternal Order of Police
International Union of Police Associations

Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation
National Association of Police Associations
National District Attorneys Associations
National Sheriffs' Association
National Troopers Coalition
Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI
Victims Assistance Legal Organization
International Association of Chief of Police
Airborne Law Enforcement Association