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JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR

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The Competitors in the Wisconsin Civics Games
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Dear Competitors:

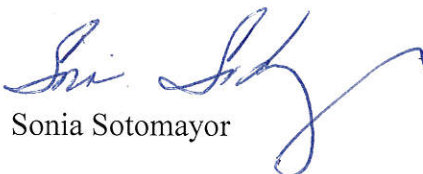
I congratulate all of you on your admirable showing at the inaugural Wisconsin Civics Games. I extend my special congratulations to the victors of this year's competition, who have demonstrated an impressive level of knowledge of their government, their rights, and their duties as members of a democracy.

No cause is closer to my heart than that of encouraging young people like yourselves to further your civic educations. I strongly believe that the future of our nation depends upon your ability to practice democratic principles as thoughtful, informed citizens and public servants. Upon exiting the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked what sort of government he and his fellow framers had created. Dr. Franklin famously replied, "A republic, if you can keep it." By working to expand your civic knowledge in preparation for this tournament, you have begun the important undertaking of keeping our republic strong and vibrant.

I hope that the Wisconsin Civics Games has sparked your interest in the law and the operation of our government. Regardless of the careers you choose to pursue in the future, continuously exercising your civic knowledge will empower you to live richer and more fulfilling lives.

As you continue the process of becoming active participants in democracy during the years to come, I wish each of you the joy of dreaming big, working hard, and succeeding in all that you do.

With warmest regards,



Sonia Sotomayor