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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Incoming Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Honorable Senators,

In my capacity as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire, I write in support of Attorney Michael Delaney's nomination to serve as a United States Circuit Court Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for The First Circuit.

In my 34-year tenure as its CEO, CASA of New Hampshire has established strong relationships with our state's Attorney General (AG) and has had the opportunity to work with many AG's who have led that critically important office. CASA had the pleasure of working with Michael Delaney from 2009-2013 when, under his leadership, that office expanded and established critical projects in an effort to enhance services to victims, both child and adult.

CASA of NH has been an active member of the NH Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse & Neglect since its inception in 1989. Attorney General Delaney helped to ensure CASA had a seat on various sub-committees of the Child Abuse Task Force including the executive committee, conference committee and protocol committee. Additionally, CASA staff were members of the Child Fatality Review Committee and Domestic Violence Fatality Review. Under the previously formed Child Fatality Review Committee established in 1990 and with funding provided through the NH Department of Justice and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Attorney General Delaney established NH's Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) review committee which assess unexplained cases of infant deaths in an effort to educate the public with the hope of decreasing the number of those deaths.

Some additional accolades for Attorney Delaney include efforts to establish a state-wide system of Child Advocacy Centers (CAC's) as well as creating the non-profit Granite State Children's Alliance which provides technical assistance, training and oversight to its county-based member CAC's. In 2013, Attorney General Michael Delaney formed a Human Trafficking Task Force to provide better victim advocacy for child sex workers and human trafficking victims. CASA of NH was part of that effort as well.

**In fulfilling its vision and mission, the entire CASA organization is guided by the following values:
Compassion, Integrity, Honesty, Justice, Passion, Respect, Courage, Transparency, Inclusivity, and Equity.**

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Finally, Attorney Delaney continued to ensure that federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding was used to support critical victim-serving organizations throughout New Hampshire. VOCA funds continue to be vital resources for thousands of NH victims of abuse. Attorney General Delaney also represented his office on the NH Judicial Council during those years from 2009-2013. The Council strongly supported CASA in its efforts to expand volunteer Guardian ad litem advocacy services to a significant percentage of children and youth who were involved in child protection proceedings throughout the state. Attorney Delaney helped to ensure that CASA received the critical state support it needed as it grew and strengthened services to child victims.

His commitment to victims, both adult and child, during his time as the New Hampshire Attorney General was extraordinary, and I am honored to submit this letter in support of this dedicated public servant.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Sink". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marcia (Marty) Sink
President/CEO
CASA of New Hampshire