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The Honorable Richard A Durbin, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

Re: The nomination of Seth R. Aframe to the First Circuit Court of Appeals

To: Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham

I am writing in support of the nomination of Seth R. Aframe to the First Circuit Court of Appeals. I am a retired criminal defense attorney in the District of New Hampshire. After serving 10 years as a private attorney I spent 19 years as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of New Hampshire. Over the years I have had numerous cases in the District of New Hampshire and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. In my years at the Federal Defender office I have had many cases against Seth Aframe, and have had the opportunity review his legal filings, observe him in Court, and engage with him in negotiations. I would have to say that he possesses the keenest legal intellect of any prosecutor I have encountered. He is simply a brilliant attorney. His legal analysis and writing are of the highest caliber. Perhaps more importantly, he has treated all defendants (and their attorneys) in a fair and even handed manner. Of all the attorneys I have come across in my career Seth Aframe stands out as the best qualified to serve as a judge in any court. His excellent grasp of complex issues and the extremely high quality of his research and writing make him particularly well qualified to serve on an appellate court. I am certain that, if asked, every judge in the District of New Hampshire would echo my sentiments. If you have any questions or require further information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely
Jonathan R. Saxe, Esq.