

October 10, 2023

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We are retired Assistant United States Attorneys who worked in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire. We write this letter to offer our wholehearted support for the nomination of Assistant United States Attorney Seth Aframe to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Each of us has known and worked with Mr. Aframe for more than ten years. Mr. Aframe began his career in the United States Attorney's Office in the Civil Division. Three years after joining the office, the United States Attorney assigned Mr. Aframe to the Criminal Division to serve as the Appellate Chief. Over time, Mr. Aframe developed a district court criminal practice to augment his appellate work. Mr. Aframe excelled in each of those areas, earning high praise from civil litigants, criminal defense counsel, the trial court, and the appellate court. He distinguished himself in every task assigned to him.

Mr. Aframe is uniquely qualified to serve as a judge on the Court of Appeals. His experience as a clerk for Judge Jeffrey Howard and the numerous briefs he filed and arguments he made before the Court of Appeals while serving as Appellate Chief provide him with a deep understanding of the court's functions, its dynamics, and its role in our system of justice.

His knowledge of the law is deep and extensive. During our time working with Mr. Aframe, there was no other person who was relied upon more to clarify complex legal issues, provide sound and thoughtful advice on legal strategies, and to aid in providing the best representation for the United States. And for many years we admired and learned from Mr. Aframe's superb skills as a courtroom lawyer as he tried some of our office's most difficult cases.

Mr. Aframe dedicated many hours to the United States as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, but he also found time to serve his community. He held a leadership position in his synagogue. He taught First Amendment law as an adjunct professor at the UNH School of Law. And yet he

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managed to find time to serve on the Town of Hopkinton school board during some of the most difficult times of the pandemic.

We know him to be a person with a strong intellect, impeccable credibility and integrity, one who has a compelling desire to reach the fair and just result in a case, and a person who practices civility in all his interactions. These are qualities we believe every judge should possess, and Mr. Aframe has them in abundance.

We offer our unequivocal and enthusiastic support for Mr. Aframe's nomination.

/s/ Donald Feith  
/s/ T. David Plourde  
/s/ Helen W. Fitzgibbon  
/s/ Arnold Huftalen  
/s/ Michael Gunnison  
/s/ Robert Kinsella  
/s/ William Morse  
/s/ Nicholas Abramson