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BY EMAIL

Chairman Richard Joseph Durbin  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Lindsey Graham  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
211 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Confirmation of Julia M. Lipez to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing in support of Justice Julia Lipez for her confirmation to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. I am confident that she will make an excellent judge on the Federal bench. From 2019 to 2022, I served as District Attorney for Cumberland County, Maine, the most populous county in the state, after being elected to the office as an independent candidate. Prior to that, I was an assistant district attorney in Cumberland County working specifically on Human Trafficking cases. It was at that time that I worked closely with Justice Lipez, who at that time was serving as an Assistant United States Attorney prosecuting human trafficking cases.

When AUSA Lipez was prosecuting a case, one would know that they would be working with an intelligent, professional and extremely hard-working individual. AUSA Lipez was always supportive of human trafficking victims and making sure that their safety was paramount given their involvement with the criminal justice system. She was constantly helping to connect these victims with the resources they needed to survive. In addition, AUSA Lipez always worked with law enforcement to put together a very thorough and grounded criminal prosecution that would hold perpetrators accountable for these heinous crimes. She was always willing to take investigations further in a manner that would serve the interests of justice, which is the duty of a prosecutor. Law enforcement was fortunate to have AUSA Lipez as their representative in the federal system.

Justice Lipez's reputation as a member of the Maine Judicial Branch is impeccable. She is extremely knowledgeable when it comes to legal issues and decision-making, always willing to listen to both sides whether it be a criminal or civil matter, and diligent when it comes to her role as a member of the court. She is known for professionalism and comprehensive judicial orders. Her colleagues hold her in a very high regard and know that she is always willing to assist where needed. At the same time, Justice Lipez is also personable, funny, and pleasant. She would be an extremely valuable addition to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Sahrbeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "S".

Jonathan Sahrbeck, Esq.

cc: Senator Susan M. Collins  
Senator Angus S. King, Jr.