BY EMAIL

The Honorable Richard 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 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We, the undersigned retired law enforcement officers, respectfully submit this letter in support of the nomination of Stacey Neumann to the distinguished position of District Court Judge for the District of Maine. Each of us had the opportunity to work with Stacy over the years and feel she will make an ethical, fair and thoughtful District Court Judge.

As case agents and supervisors of multiple federal investigations, we worked closely with Stacy when she was an Assistant United States Attorney on cases ranging from a single individual to multi-defendant, complex criminal conspiracies. We observed, firsthand, Stacey's professionalism and unmatched abilities as a federal prosecutor, especially in the protection of children and as an advocate for victims. She was one of the most collaborative and resourceful prosecutors many of us worked with over the years.

A number of us also had the opportunity to work with Stacey after she transitioned to private practice. As defense counsel, Stacy continued her advocacy for justice, equity and fairness. Her professionalism with all parties involved, to include prosecutors, law enforcement and the court, and true compassion for her clients, continuously set her apart from many other defense counsel peers.

It is our firm belief that Stacey is an excellent candidate for the position of District Court Judge. Her time as an Assistant United States Attorney, coupled with her experience as defense counsel makes her uniquely suited to be fair and impartial. Stacy's appointment would be a great addition to the federal judiciary in Maine. We strongly urge the Senate to confirm her nomination to the District Circuit of Maine without delay.

Very Respectfully,

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