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

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

On behalf of the Maine State Bar Association (MSBA) and its members, I am pleased to inform you that the Association fully supports the confirmation of Julia M. Lipez to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

The MSBA sends surveys to all practicing lawyers in Maine to evaluate state trial court judges in the second and sixth year of every judge's term. These evaluations are used to provide feedback to the judge, determine the Association's support of or opposition to the nomination of a judge and, in turn, to make recommendations on nominations to the Governor of Maine and the Judiciary Committee.

The results of Justice Julia Lipez's evaluation show that Maine lawyers find her to be an incredibly intelligent and gifted jurist. She is also described as compassionate, well-prepared, fair, reasonable, respectful, and professional. Justice Lipez is respected for her great legal mind, excellent judicial temperament, and legal writing expertise. These traits have earned Justice Lipez the respect of Maine attorneys, and the citizens of the United States will benefit from her service on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Sincerely,



Jonathan M. Dunitz  
President

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