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The Honorable Richard Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington D.C. 20510 c/o Sarah Bauer - <u>Sarah Bauer@judiciary-dem.senate.gov</u>

The Honorable Lindsey Graham Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 c/o Ryan Giles - <u>Ryan Giles@judiciary-rep.senate.gov</u>

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

We are current and former faculty and staff at the University of New England who are submitting this letter in support of the nomination of Stacey D. Neumann to the position of the District Court Judge for the District of Maine. We all know Stacey personally or through her experience as an adjunct teaching professor at the University of New England (UNE), and all believe that she will be an excellent judicial officer.

On campus, Stacey has a reputation for being a hard-working professional who gained the respect of the students she taught through her supportive attitude and fair treatment. Her class, Crime and Deviance, was known to offer a unique perspective because she integrated her professional experience and academic law training with guest speakers. The speakers Stacey brought into the course were colleagues who worked in diverse legal settings across Maine, including law enforcement officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges. Furthermore, Stacey has been incredibly helpful in recommending guest speakers for other classes, drawing across the diverse community of legal professionals that she has worked with in many different settings.

Many of us also know Stacey on a personal level. She is gracious, thoughtful and friendly. She regularly volunteers her time in both professional and community groups, spanning town committees, the little league board and within the schools. Although we are not lawyers, we are citizens and believe hers is a temperament that is well suited to the bench. She is intelligent and witty, humble and approachable, hard-working and fair-minded. We wholeheartedly support Stacey's nomination to the District Court.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Faculty and Staff of the University of New England

CC to: Senators King and Collins

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