

February 3, 2023

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

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter in Support of Michael A. Delaney for the United States Court of Appeals for the
First Circuit

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, Ranking
Member Grassley, and Incoming Ranking Member Graham:

We, the undersigned former Attorneys General, friends and
colleagues, write in strong support of President Biden's nominee, Michael A. Delaney, to
serve as a federal judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

We are former State Attorneys General in each of our respective states, who belonged to both
Republican and Democratic parties. Many of us served for multiple terms in this capacity as
the chief statewide law enforcement officials. Our responsibilities are similar, bringing
criminal and civil enforcement actions to protect our citizens and the public treasury, and
defending our states in federal and state courts. We understand and appreciate the importance
and value of public service and the skills and judgment needed for the position.

Michael Delaney served as Attorney General of New Hampshire from 2009-2013. Since 2013,
he has worked as Director and Shareholder at the Manchester, New Hampshire law firm

McLane Middleton, P.A. where he chairs the litigation department. His prior experience includes Legal Counsel to the Governor from 2006-2009; and other roles in the New Hampshire Department of Justice from 1999 to 2013, including service as Deputy AG, Senior Assistant AG, Assistant AG, and staff attorney.

Many of us have worked with Michael Delaney, and we know firsthand his keen legal judgment, his extensive analytical skills, his leadership skills, and his sense of fairness. We believe that he possesses the temperament and skills essential for a judge. He is well-regarded by the legal community and his reputation is outstanding.

Our endorsement is given with enthusiasm, confidence, and gratitude. He will serve with distinction, honor, and decency.

As former Attorneys General, we are very pleased that a member of our community has been nominated to serve on this court. We believe that Mr. Delaney will be an outstanding addition to the bench and will bring the skills, judgment, and fairness needed for this position.

We urge the Committee to quickly process Mr. Delaney's nomination and urge the Senate to act expeditiously and confirm him.

Respectfully Submitted,

Former Attorneys General and friends as listed below

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Joe Foster
Phil McLaughlin
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Cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee