

February 1, 2023

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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Incoming Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Incoming Ranking Member Graham:

I am submitting this letter of support for Michael Delaney's nomination for position as United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. I have been fortunate enough to have worked with Attorney Delaney in some capacity for approximately thirteen years (2000 – 2013) in a variety of roles. When I began employment at the New Hampshire Department of Justice, Attorney Delaney was an Assistant Attorney General prosecuting homicide cases and I was a Victim/Witness Advocate who provided advocacy and support to families of homicide victims. The advocates and the prosecutors working on these tragic cases worked hand in hand and Attorney Delaney always treated the families with the utmost respect and dignity as we navigated through the criminal justice process. When Attorney Delaney was promoted to the position of Homicide Unit Chief he continued to advocate for victims of crime through the "homicide callout" until the disposition of the case through the court system.

In 2004 Attorney Delaney was nominated/appointed to his new role as Deputy Attorney General and I had been recently appointed as an Investigator in the Criminal Justice Bureau. Both of our roles had changed but we continued to work together for justice for victims. Later in my career I began working primarily on Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force investigations, investigating cases related to child exploitation. Deputy Attorney General Delaney was supportive of this role and encouraged my continued participation on the Task Force to protect child victims in the State of New Hampshire.

In 2009 Attorney Delaney was nominated/appointed to be the Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire. I recall him attending a National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) training and attending a keynote, the speaker was a Human Trafficking survivor. I have never

forgotten him calling me to his office to discuss seeing Theresa Flores, the survivor, and how much he learned from her and realizing we needed to implement a working group. Upon returning from the NAAG training, he immediately began working to establish a multi-disciplinary state commission on human trafficking to address sex and labor trafficking in New Hampshire.

It has been my pleasure to work alongside Attorney Michael Delaney for the better part of my law enforcement career advocating for victims of crime. He began his career as a front-line prosecutor, was promoted to Homicide Unit Chief, later appointed to be Deputy Attorney General, then Governor's Legal Counsel, and lastly appointed to be Attorney General. Attorney Delaney will make an excellent United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit as I have always found him to be fair, impartial, and respectful. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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