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RE: **Nomination of Michael A. Delaney for the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit**

Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman – Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

Honorable Lindsey Graham
Incoming Ranking Member – Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable sirs:

I write to you in my capacity as the President of the New Hampshire Association of County Attorneys, and in favor of the nomination of Michael Delaney as a jurist for the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Michael Delaney has a long record in the State of New Hampshire of public service. It is primarily in his roles with the New Hampshire Department of Justice that we have been privy to his keen sense of fairness, as well as his steady and studied approach to a great swath of legal and social issues. Without exception, Mr. Delaney exhibited the attributes expected of a judge: calm analysis based on the best available data. As an Assistant Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and ultimately as our state Attorney General, Mr. Delaney showed himself to be an effective advocate who could listen to and discern opposing views to his own. Beyond his time at the Department of Justice, Mr. Delaney continued to be involved in issues affecting the lives of New Hampshire citizens, always seeking fair outcomes to complex problems. His reputation in this regard is stellar and universal.

We are pleased that you have before you such a worthy candidate for this important appointment, and look forward to Mr. Delaney's advancement through this process.

Very truly yours,

Thomas P. Velardi
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