

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
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Incoming Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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February 1, 2023

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Incoming Ranking Member Graham,

It is my privilege to offer my support to Michael Delaney, former Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire for the nomination to The United State Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

I first met General Delaney when he was an Assistant Attorney General, and I was an advocate contracted to assist with callouts in homicide cases. On our first callout together, General Delaney and I responded in the middle of the night to a homicide three hours North of our office. Homicide scenes are inherently chaotic, and I was thoroughly impressed by General Delaney's calmness in the middle of complete havoc. He had an innate ability to take in information from several people all vying for his attention and simultaneously provide thoughtful direction to the investigation. As I was working with a devastated and emotionally charged family, General Delaney made it a point to regularly check in with me throughout the evening and early morning hours, asking if the family or I needed anything.

Several months later I joined the New Hampshire Attorney General's, Office of Victim Witness Assistance (OVWA) as a Victim/Witness Advocate. As an advocate in OVWA I got to know General Delaney in his role as a Senior Assistant Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and then Attorney General. In all that time General Delaney remained the same as he was in our first callout. He was confident, thoughtful decisive, and empathetic. His leadership at the Attorney General's Office was forward-thinking and unwavering.

Having known Attorney General Delaney for the last twenty plus years, I have found his integrity to be unmatched. I strongly believe he would make an exceptional Judge

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lynda W. Ruel', with a large, sweeping initial 'L' and a stylized 'R'.

Lynda W. Ruel, Director
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New Hampshire Department of Justice