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March 9, 2022

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to grant a salary increase to Jesse J. O'Neill, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position #9U602 Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132), from a salary level of $88,000 to a salary level of $91,000 upon Governor and Executive Council approval or March 25, 2022, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

In accordance with the 2001 N.H. Laws Chapter 158, Section 101, and 2021 N.H. Laws Chapter 91, this request seeks your approval to grant a salary increase for Assistant Attorney General Jesse J. O'Neill.

Mr. O'Neill is a resident of Deerfield and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. He earned his Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School in 2011 and his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was an Assistant District Attorney at the Essex County District Attorney's Office in Lawrence, Massachusetts from 2011 to 2014. He joined the Department of Justice Consumer Protection/Anti-Trust Bureau in 2014 and was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in 2015. He transferred to the Criminal Bureau in 2016, where he has focused on prosecuting drug offenses. He was designated as a Senior Assistant Attorney General on February 9, 2022. His salary will increase by $3,000 from $88,000 to $91,000. I will continue his assignment in the Criminal Justice Bureau. His resume is attached for your review.

RSA 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) provides that designation of positions, salary levels, and salary increases for attorneys at the Department of Justice shall be determined by the Attorney General, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

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I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney General

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JESSE O'NEILL

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School — Newton, MA
Juris Doctor — May 2011
GPA: 3.42
Honors: *Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review*
Managing Editor, 2010-2011; Staff Writer, 2009-2010
Publication: *The Citizen Participation Act of 2009: Federal Legislation as an Effective Defense Against SLAPPs*, 38 B.C. ENVTL. AFF. L. REV. 477 (2011)

University of Wisconsin-Madison — Madison, WI
Bachelor of Business Administration: Finance, Investment, and Banking — May 2008
GPA: 3.43
Honors: Dean's List (5 semesters)
Activities: Worked 20-40 hours per week to finance education

EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Justice — Concord, NH
Office of the Attorney General
Assistant Attorney General (Drug Unit) — September 2016–Present
Assistant Attorney General (Financial Fraud Unit) — April 2015–September 2016
Attorney (Financial Fraud Unit) — April 2014–April 2015

- Prosecute homicide, drug trafficking organization, drug distribution with death resulting, theft, tax evasion, and other complex cases.
- Direct multiple law enforcement agencies in the investigation of complex crimes using interviews, subpoenas, search warrants, and other means.
- Argued and briefed before the New Hampshire Supreme Court the issue of the mental state requirement for a criminal violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

Essex County District Attorney's Office — Lawrence, MA
Assistant District Attorney (District Court Supervisor) — January 2014–April 2014
Assistant District Attorney (Domestic Violence Unit) — October 2011–January 2014

- Supervised approximately 10 prosecuting attorneys in one of the busiest Massachusetts criminal courts while simultaneously maintaining a full caseload.
- Conducted all phases of criminal prosecution, with a special emphasis on both felony and misdemeanor cases of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Worked directly with victims and witnesses of criminal activity, as well as members of various law enforcement organizations, in order to prepare cases for trial.
- Coordinated multi-agency investigations of reports of child physical and sexual abuse in order to build the strongest case possible from the initial disclosure.

R. Brian Snow, Attorney at Law — Nashua, NH
Intern (NH Rule 36 and MA Rule 3:03 Certified) — January–April 2011

Essex County District Attorney's Office — Lawrence, MA
Assistant District Attorney Intern (MA Rule 3:03 Certified) — June–August 2010

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit — Phoenix, AZ; San Francisco, CA
Judicial Extern for the Honorable Michael Daly Hawkins — June–August 2009

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Fluent in Spanish
- Cycling, backpacking