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June 12, 2024

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 reappoint Amy Van Auken, Position # 9U667, (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2616-014-500134) as a Victim/Witness Specialist, at a salary level of \$85,514 (LG DD, Step 4), effective July 1, 2024 upon Governor and Executive Council approval for a term ending June 30, 2029.

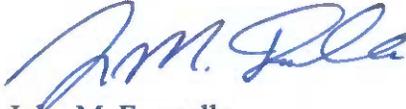
**EXPLANATION**

Ms. Van Auken, a Newmarket resident, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Keene State College in 2015. She was an AmeriCorps Victim Advocate in the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program at the University of New Hampshire from 2015 to 2016 and Interim Direct Service Coordinator of the Program from 2016 to 2017. From 2017 to 2021, she served as Victim/Witness Advocate for the Plaistow Police Department, where she provided services to victims and witnesses from Plaistow, Atkinson, Danville, Kingston, and Newton. She received the Plaistow Service Award from the Plaistow Police Department for her efforts to combat human trafficking and a Champion of Children 2021 Award from the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County for her work on child abuse and neglect cases. Ms. Van Auken is assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Victim/Witness Unit. Her salary will remain the same. Her resume is attached for your consideration.

I am very pleased to offer Ms. Van Auken's reappointment as a Victim/Witness Specialist at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

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Respectfully submitted,

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John M. Formella  
Attorney General

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# Amy Van Auken

## **EDUCATION:**

### **Master's Degree in Criminal Justice** (September 2021-Current)

Concentration: Violence Prevention and Advocacy  
Lasell University, Newton MA

### **Bachelor's Degree in Sociology** (August 2011-May 2015)

Minors: Criminal Justice Studies and Substance Abuse & Addiction  
Keene State College, Keene NH

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE:**

### **Victim/Witness Specialist**, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, Concord NH (October 2021-Current)

- Provide assistance, support and advocacy to victim's families and witnesses to homicides throughout the state of New Hampshire.
- Assist families through the criminal justice system and explain each part of the case.
- Coordinate meetings with the families and the attorneys, investigators and other community service agencies.

### **Victim/Witness Advocate**, Plaistow Police Department, Plaistow NH (January 2017-October 2021)

- Provide support and assistance to victims and witnesses throughout the criminal justice system to empower them to participate with prosecution for the communities of Plaistow, Atkinson, Danville, Kingston and Newton, NH.
- Coordinate meetings between law enforcement, prosecution, social services and victims or witnesses.
- Assist local law enforcement and prosecution with best practices and protocols when working with victims and witnesses of crime.
- Contact victims and witnesses with any case updates, hearing notices and/or case resolutions and to explain all court proceedings to them.
- Ensure that the victim's voices are heard, and that the New Hampshire Victim's Bill of Rights is upheld.
- Educate the local community and school district on violent crimes including dating violence, domestic violence, elder abuse, and stalking.

### **Interim Direct Service Coordinator**, Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP), University of New Hampshire, Durham NH (August 2016-January 2017)

- Provide direct service to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and stalking. Direct services include legal, medical and University systems advocacy.
- Supervise all direct services and advocates, coordinate training events, recruit and facilitate the peer advocate class.
- Manage and staff the 24/7 advocacy support line and organize the calendar of the advocates.
- Input data and update client database for the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence quarterly reports.
- Represent the SHARPP office at all direct service meetings on campus and for the state of New Hampshire, including the local Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).
- Created and maintained relationships with students, faculty, staff, and local law enforcement.

### **Transitional Housing Advocate**, Alternative House, Lowell MA (August 2016-April 2017)

- Provide direct services to domestic violence survivors and their children including crisis intervention, safety planning, counseling, advocacy, parenting support, information and referrals.
- Help maintain a supportive living environment and encourage guest participation in shelter programming.

- Answer crisis calls and assist the advocates in the emergency shelter during times of crisis.
- AmeriCorps Victim Advocate (AVAP), Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP), University of New Hampshire, Durham NH (Full-service year completed, September 2015-August 2016)**
- Provided support, accompaniment, and advocacy to meet the medical, legal, and emotional needs of survivors.
  - Empowered survivors and helped them to gain power and control during a time of crisis.
  - Assisted survivors through the criminal justice process, the Title IX process, and the process of getting an order of protection.
  - Helped to provide awareness and prevention through educational programming and events on campus.
  - Managed and volunteered on the 24/7 advocacy support line and updated the referral book for on-call advocates.

**LEADERSHIP:**

**Shout Out Against Sexual Violence (August 2012-May 2015)**

- Co-Chair: Organized and facilitated an event where survivors would share their experiences to bring awareness about sexual violence while letting survivors get a chance to find their voice.

**Keene State College Sexual Assault and Violence Education (SAVE) (August 2012-May 2015)**

- Committee Member: Brought awareness to the campus and raised money for the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention. These events include Wear Purple for Domestic Violence, the Silent Witness Project, the Clothesline Project, Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes, Take Back the Night and other events around sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking awareness.

**AWARDS:**

**Champion of Children 2021** from the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County for work regarding child abuse and neglect.

**Plaistow Service Award** from the Plaistow Police Department for work regarding human trafficking.