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December 4, 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 grant a salary increase to Brendan A. O'Donnell, Assistant Attorney General, Position #9U599 (Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-013-500132), in the amount of \$11,000, from a salary level of \$92,000 to a salary level of \$103,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or December 27, 2024, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. O'Donnell, a Canterbury resident, earned his Bachelor of Arts from Southern New Hampshire University in 2013, and his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law in 2016. While in law school, he was Chief Articles Editor of the *University of New Hampshire Law Review* and a Daniel Webster Scholar. He served as a law clerk for the former Chief Justice Robert J. Lynn at the New Hampshire Supreme Court from 2016 to 2018, and practiced as an associate at Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, from 2018 to 2022. Between Spring 2020 and the present, he has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law teaching courses in Legal Analysis and Writing II, Judicial Opinion Drafting, and Fundamentals of Lawyering. Mr. O'Donnell joined the Department in March 2022 and began in the Civil Law Bureau's Litigation Unit. In July 2023, he transferred to the Civil Law Bureau's Election Law Unit as Unit Chief. His salary will increase by \$11,000 from \$92,000 to \$103,000. This salary increase will align Mr. O'Donnell's salary with other Unit Chiefs who oversee units of similar size.

RSA 21-M:3 and 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

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Attorney General, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Formella", is written over a faint circular stamp.

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