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April 21, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
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 R. Christopher Knowles, Assistant Attorney General, Position #9U499 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132), in the amount of \$3,000, from a salary level of \$103,000 to a salary level of \$106,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or May 16, 2025, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Knowles, a Weare resident, earned his Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2012; Master of Science in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University in 2015; Juris Doctor from Vermont Law School in 2015; and Master of Laws from Indiana University, Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2017. He is admitted to practice law in New Hampshire, Alaska, and New York. In addition to his studies, he served as Director of the Caribbean Sustainable Development Organization in Washington, D.C., from 2013 to 2016. He joined the Alaska Legal Services Corporation in Bethel, Alaska, as a Staff Attorney in 2017, where he was responsible for tribal court development in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region, coordinated outreach and travel to 64 surrounding communities, and represented victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in district and superior court. He was appointed District Attorney in 2018 for the Bethel District Attorney's Office, which has jurisdiction over an area the size of Oregon. Mr. Knowles joined the Department in 2023 and was assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau. He has recently been assigned as Chief of the Cold Case Unit. Commensurate with his new duties and responsibilities, his salary will increase by \$3,000 from \$103,000 to \$106,000.

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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 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 'J. Formella', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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