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December 19, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 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 Geoffrey W.R. Ward, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position #9U054, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132), from a salary level of \$90,090 to a salary level of \$108,000 **retroactive** to July 1, 2019 upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

EXPLANATION

In accordance with the 2001 N.H. Laws Chapter 158, Section 101, and 2018 N.H. Laws Chapter 162, Section 14, this request seeks your approval to grant a salary increase for Assistant Attorney Geoffrey W.R. Ward. This item is **retroactive** because funds in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 biennium budget were not available to submit this request prior to July 1, 2019.

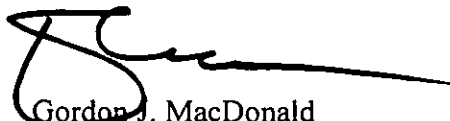
Mr. Ward lives in Durham. He received his Law Degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2007. He was an Assistant County Attorney for the Rockingham County Attorney's Office from 2007 through 2012. He joined the Department of Justice as an attorney in the Criminal Bureau in 2012, and was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in 2013. He was designated a Senior Assistant Attorney General in 2017 and was named the Chief of the Criminal Bureau in 2018. Mr. Ward's salary will increase by \$17,910, from \$90,090 to \$108,000. I will continue his assignment in the Criminal Bureau.

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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Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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