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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 Benjamin J. Agati, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position 9U289, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132), from a salary level of \$89,873.44 to a salary level of \$100,000 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 General Benjamin J. Agati. 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. Agati is a resident of North Billerica, Massachusetts and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. He received his law degree from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2002. Mr. Agati was a senior law clerk for Dyer, Garofalo, Mann & Shultz in Dayton, Ohio from 2000 through 2002. He was an intern supervisor at the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office from 2002 through 2004. Mr. Agati was an Assistant District Attorney for the Office of the District Attorney, Middle District, in Worcester, Massachusetts from January through July 2004. He was an Assistant County Attorney in Hillsborough County from 2004 through 2006. He joined the Department of Justice in August 2006 as an attorney in the Criminal Bureau. Mr. Agati was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in August 2007 and designated as a Senior Assistant Attorney General in January 2015. Mr. Agati's salary will increase by \$10,126.56, from \$89,873.44 to \$100,000. I will continue his assignment in the Criminal Bureau.

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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,

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