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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 Danielle E. Sakowski, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position 9U261, Appropriation # 02-20-20-200510-2904-013-500132), from a salary level of \$73,000 to a salary level of \$92,500 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 Senior Assistant Attorney General Danielle E. Sakowski. 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.

Ms. Sakowski lives in Concord. She received her law degree from Vermont Law School in 2012. Ms. Sakowski was a legal intern for the Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office, Barnstable, Massachusetts in 2010 and a Superior Court Judicial Intern for the Honorable Gary A. Nickerson, Barnstable, Massachusetts in 2011. She was an Assistant District Attorney at the Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office in Barnstable, Massachusetts from 2012 through 2014. Ms. Sakowski joined the Department of Justice in August 2014 as an attorney with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in August 2015. Ms. Sakowski joined the Drug Prosecution Unit in January 2016. She was designated as a Senior Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Drug Prosecution Unit in May 2019. Ms. Sakowski's salary will increase by \$19,500, from \$73,000 to \$92,500. I will continue her assignment as Chief of the Drug Prosecution Unit.

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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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