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November 6, 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 Jesse J. O'Neill as an Assistant Attorney General (Position 9U602, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132), from a salary level of \$71,061.90 to a salary level of \$80,000 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 Jesse J. O'Neill. 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. O'Neill is a resident of Deerfield. He received his law degree from Boston College Law School in 2011. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, he was an Assistant District Attorney in the Essex County District Attorney's Office in Lawrence, Massachusetts from 2011 to 2014. He joined the Department as an attorney in the Consumer Protection Bureau and was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General on April 29, 2015. In 2016, he joined the Criminal Bureau. Mr. O'Neill's salary will increase by \$8,938.10, from \$71,061.90 to \$80,000. 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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