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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 Bryan J. Townsend, II, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position #9U047, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2611-013-500132), from a salary level of \$73,819.20 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 Bryan J. Townsend, II. 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. Townsend is a resident of Merrimack. He received his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2010 where he was a Daniel Webster Scholar. Before joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Townsend was an associate attorney with the law firm of Gottesman & Hollis in Nashua, New Hampshire. He joined the Department in 2016 as an attorney in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and was appointed an Assistant Attorney General on March 17, 2017. Earlier this year he joined the Consumer Protection Bureau as the Elder Abuse Prosecutor. Mr. Townsend's salary will increase by \$6,180.80, from \$73,819.20 to \$80,000. I will continue his assignment as the Elder Abuse Prosecutor in the Consumer Protection Bureau.

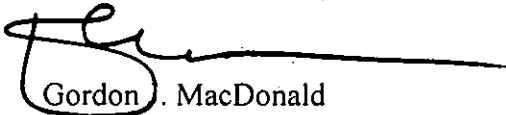
RSA 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) provides that designation of positions, salary levels, and salary increases for attorneys at the Department of Justice shall be determined by the Attorney General,

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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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Attorney General

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