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November 26, 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 Lawrence M. Edelman, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position 9U215, Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-013-500132), from a salary level of \$89,700 to a salary level of \$95,000 **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 Lawrence M. Edelman. 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. Edelman lives in Concord. He received his law degree from Boston University School of Law in 1981. Mr. Edelman was a partner at Sanders & McDermott LLP in Hampton, New Hampshire from 1982 through 2003. He was a partner at Pierce Atwood LLP in Portsmouth, New Hampshire from 2003 through 2017. He joined the Department of Justice in March 2018 as an attorney in the Civil Bureau. He was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in October 2018. Mr. Edelman's salary will increase by \$5,300, from \$89,700 to \$95,000. I will continue his assignment in the Civil 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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