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New Hampshire Executive Council 107 North Main Street State House, Room 207 Concord, NH 03301

Dear Executive Council:

Please accept this letter as my full support of Dorothy Graham's nomination for Associate Justice of the NH Superior Court and I take great pride in doing so. My admiration for Dorothy Graham as a criminal defense attorney expands the better part of twenty years, dating back to when I was a rookie police officer and Ms. Graham a young defense attorney working at the Public Defender's Office. Early on in Ms. Graham's career, I observed an intelligent and thoughtful litigator, someone who treated police officers and those she defended with the upmost respect and dignity.

Ms. Graham possesses the qualities I feel are essential in a judge; patience, wisdom, courage, firmness, alertness, incorruptibility and the gifts of sympathy and insight. She reflects the utmost respect for the criminal process in her manner, temperament and interactions with others; be it a judge, prosecutor or a witness. I have read that a judge is "the pillar of our entire justice system," and the public has a right to demand "virtually irreproachable conduct from anyone performing a judicial function." You need not demand that of Ms. Graham, as she has a long history as a criminal defense attorney for you to reflect upon to see she already lives up such expectations.

Dorothy Graham has the many attributes I believe a judge should possess; as such I personally support her nomination. It is also my belief that Judges should attain the bench after making a significant contribution to the legal profession and their communities, and it is my belief that Dorothy Graham has made such contributions. She is of unquestioned integrity, honesty and her commitment to fairness is absolute; as such the Manchester Police Department supports Dorothy Graham's nomination to be an Associate Justice for the NH Superior Court.

Respectfully,

Enoch F. Willard

Chief of Police

