June 9, 2023

The Honorable Anne Carney, Senate Chair
The Honorable Matt Moonen, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0100

Dear Senator Carney and Representative Moonen:

On behalf of the Maine State Bar Association and its members, I am pleased to inform you that the Association fully supports the nomination of Justice E. Allen Hunter to the Maine Superior Court as an Active Retired Justice.

The MSBA sends surveys to all practicing lawyers in Maine to evaluate trial court judges in the sixth year of every judge's term. These evaluations are used to determine the Association’s support of or opposition to the nomination of a judge and, in turn, to make recommendations on nomination to the Governor and the Judiciary Committee. The MSBA does not make recommendations on new appointees to the bench.

Justice Hunter received an overall rating of good or excellent by 100% of the attorneys who evaluated him. The results of his evaluation show that Maine lawyers find him to have complete command of the facts and issues in his courtroom. He is described as civil, patient, fair, and impartial. Attorneys also find Justice Hunter to be extremely intelligent, compassionate, consistent, and competent. They also appreciate his common sense and freedom from arrogance. These traits have earned him the support and respect of MSBA members, and Maine citizens will benefit from Justice Hunter’s continued service on the Bench as an Active Retired Justice.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Justice E. Allen Hunter to the Maine Superior Court as an Active Retired Justice.

Sincerely,

Stacy O. Stitham
President