February 15, 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 Judge Barbara Raimondi to the Maine District Court as an Active Retired Judge.

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.

In their evaluation of Judge Raimondi, Maine lawyers find her to be compassionate, thoughtful, patient, and fair. She is described as possessing a calm yet firm demeanor and having the highest level of judicial temperament. Judge Raimondi is also counted on for running an efficient courtroom, being well-prepared and attentive during hearings, and rendering timely decisions. These traits have earned her the support and respect of MSBA members, and Maine citizens will benefit from Judge Raimondi’s continued service on the Bench as an Active Retired Judge.

The Maine State Bar Association urges the Judiciary Committee to give its unanimous support to the nomination of Judge Barbara Raimondi to the Maine District Court as an Active Retired Judge.

Sincerely,

Stacy O. Stitham
President