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Judiciary Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
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Dear,

Chairman McDonald, Chairman Lawlor and other members of the Judiciary Committee,

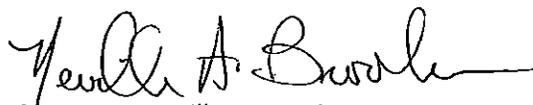
I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Kathleen McNamara, supporting her judicial nomination. My name is Neville A. Brooks. I have been involved in law enforcement for approximately 19 years. I am currently the Commander of the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division. I was previously the department's Court Liaison and then Commander of the Court Support Division. In that capacity I was responsible for coordinating daily interaction with the court. I personally supervised the Judicial Review process, working closely with the States Attorney's office and several Superior Court Judges. During that time I was afforded the honor and opportunity to both observe and gain insight into the characteristics that made each of these Judges effective yet unique. Characteristics such as honesty, integrity, fairness, intelligence, resourcefulness and a sense of being solution oriented. Kathleen McNamara possesses each of these qualities. In her almost 20 year tenure as a States Attorney and eleven year career as a law enforcement officer/supervisor with the East Hartford Police Department she has exhibited each of these traits. When consulted regarding matters of law, she routinely demonstrates her extensive knowledge, resourcefulness, legal ability and intelligence. She is well known and highly respected by her colleagues, citizens and members of the law enforcement community for her competence as a person and for being a consummate professional. Kathleen McNamara without question is completely reliable, and continually demonstrates the highest degree of impartiality and enthusiasm in performing her duties.

Kathleen McNamara and I have been neighbors for the past ten years, which allows me to also make an interpersonal comment about her. She is patient, courteous, caring, dignified, attentive and very organized. Our neighborhood is comprised of individuals from many different cultural backgrounds. She has continually demonstrated diversity in her cultural awareness and exhibits an unbiased attitude towards, race, color, creed or gender. She clearly sees each individual for the person that they are, on their own merits and not by some preconceived notion or stereotype. She consistently demonstrates interpersonal skills in dealing with all ages and nationalities.

In closing based on my experience, coupled with feedback from many individuals throughout both the law enforcement and civilian communities, I highly support the judicial nomination of Kathleen McNamara.

If you would like further elaboration, please feel free to contact me by cellphone: (860) 761-4878.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neville A. Brooks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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