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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Kenneth J. Krayeske for the position of Ombudsperson. As a friend and colleague for 28 years, I have had the privilege of witnessing first-hand his exceptional legal acumen, dedication to civil rights, compassionate advocacy, and his ability to lead and manage teams.

Kenneth's legal career is distinguished by his impactful work on cases that have significantly improved the lives of many. His involvement in the Barfield v. Quiros litigation resulted in a monumental improvement in healthcare for incarcerated people with Hepatitis C in Connecticut. Additionally, his work in the settlement of \$1.65 million for the family of Karon Nealy Jr. and his representation in the case of Tianna Laboy, who faced dire conditions while incarcerated, showcase his commitment to justice and his ability to handle complex civil rights issues with empathy and effectiveness.

His role in the Wayne World case, where he secured a \$1.3 million settlement for a former inmate who received inadequate medical care, further underscores his advocacy for humane treatment within the correctional system.

In addition to his legal accomplishments, Kenneth's administrative role in the New Haven Democracy Fund and his diverse experiences in public service showcase his adeptness in leadership, policy understanding, and commitment to community welfare. His educational background from the University of Connecticut School of Law and Syracuse University aligns perfectly with the intellectual rigors of the Ombudsperson position.

Kenneth's soft skills are equally impressive. His ability to communicate effectively, empathize with diverse groups, and lead with integrity are qualities that I have admired in our long-standing relationship. His persistence in advocating for marginalized individuals and his innovative approach to problem-solving are attributes that will serve him well in this role.

While I regret that I cannot attend the hearing due to health issues, I am confident that Kenneth is the ideal candidate for this position. His professional track record, combined with his interpersonal skills, make him uniquely qualified to take on the responsibilities and challenges of the Ombudsperson role.

Sincerely,
Catherine Moriarty