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November 10, 2021

Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of the State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

The Defense Association of New York ("DANY") has considered the qualifications of the seven (7) individuals whose names were submitted by the Commission on Judicial Nomination for possible appointment as Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals in connection with the vacancy on the Court created by the upcoming retirement of Associate Judge Eugene Fahey. DANY's Judiciary Screening Committee reviewed each nominee's background, decisions and/or writings. The Committee then conducted personal interviews with all seven (7) of the nominees via Zoom concluding on November 9, 2021.

In evaluating the nominees, the Committee considered: Judicial temperament; legal ability and experience; legal writing ability; general reputation, character and fitness; industriousness, diligence and promptness; impartiality, and freedom from bias and prejudice. An email blast was also sent to DANY's seven hundred three (703) members, inviting them to provide input regarding the qualifications of the nominees for consideration by the Committee.

Based on those evaluations, DANY has rated the nominees, as follows:

- Hon. Francesca E. Connolly - Well Qualified
- Timothy P. Murphy, Esq. - Qualified
- Hon. Erin M. Peradotto - Well Qualified
- Hon. Stan L. Pritzker - Well Qualified
- Corey L. Stoughton, Esq. - Qualified
- Hon. Shirley Troutman - Well Qualified
- Hon. Joanne Winslow - Well Qualified

We hope that you will find this information helpful in making an appointment to the office of Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a cursive 'C' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Bradley J. Corsair, Esq.
President