

Dear Committee Members:

It is with great pleasure that I offer my support for Dickson Corbet's Judicial appointment. I began working with Dickson when he joined the Orange County State's Attorney's Office. At the time, I was employed as a Victim's Advocate at the Windsor County State's Attorney's Office. Being that our offices are geographically proximal, we had the happenstance to work with many of the same individuals, both defendants and victims. Attorney Corbet's reputation as a brilliant legal mind preceded him, and his work as a Deputy State's Attorney prove that to be true. It wasn't long before he was leading the office as State's Attorney. I took great comfort in knowing that he would lead with the appropriate discernment, empathy, and professionalism.

In July of 2021, I transitioned to a position at the Department of Corrections. It was immediately clear that Dickson's reputation as a bright and effective leader expanded well beyond the confines of the legal community. Dickson has been a dedicated ally in bringing continuity of services to victim-survivors. His prompt and thorough communication ensures a seamless transition for the involved parties. He is demonstratively thoughtful and patient and exhibits true judicial temperament in his interactions with colleagues, allied professionals, and survivors.

Working as a prosecutor can be particularly difficult when it comes to the relationship with victim of crime. Prosecutors are tasked with making decision that have a tremendous impact on the lives of the affected parties, who are entangled in the criminal justice system through no fault of their own. Victims are left navigating an opaque and overwhelming process with little support. Many survivors I have worked with at the Department of Corrections have cited Dickson as the only reason they had any understanding of the legal proceedings and the driving force behind their decision to stick it out through the seemingly endless criminal proceedings.

It is my sincere hope that you will appoint Dickson Corbet to the bench.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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