

**United States District Court**300 STATE STREET, SUITE 350  
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105CHAMBERS OF  
MICHAEL A. PONSOR  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

December 5, 2011

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**Congressman Richard E. Neal  
United States Courthouse  
300 State Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, MA 01105****RE: Kevin Kennedy****Dear Congressman Neal:**

I am delighted to hear the news of Kevin Kennedy's upcoming appointment with the City of Springfield. As you know, it has been my privilege to work closely with Kevin for many years as your representative on the Springfield courthouse project. Over the course of the building's construction, we met or spoke on at least a weekly basis, and frequently more often.

I have never in my twenty-eight years as a judge met a more committed, more competent, or more honorable public servant. Mr. Kennedy has an intimate knowledge of the City of Springfield, a practical grasp of what is needed to make things happen, a penetrating intellect, and utter integrity. His appointment is good news to everyone who lives in, or cares about, the City of Springfield. He is simply the perfect choice for the position.

**Warmest wishes for the holidays.**

Sincerely,

**Michael A. Ponsor  
U.S. District Judge**

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