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Judicial Council:

I urge you to take to heart the recommendations made by the SEC Report. While we live in fiscally treacherous times, full of uncertainty and divisiveness, we must remain steadfast in our commitment to bringing the judiciary together to stand as a united front. With limited resources, we must be creative in our reorganization of the courts throughout the state, to ensure we maximize the economies of scale in the large courts and appreciate the difficulties of operating the small courts, where the absence of even one employee can make the difference between getting through the daily calendars, or not. As we work through the fiscal crisis, it is imperative to take control of our systems, particularly their efficiencies, to avoid having the Legislature exert even more control over our operations than their tightening of the purse strings already creates. By taking the SEC Report seriously as it relates to the AOC's operations, the Judicial Council can re-focus the branch on the running of the business of the Courts; that is, Judges listening to litigants and attorneys present the real problems of our citizens, and providing decisions to allow progress towards resolution and finality for the turmoil of daily endeavors. By streamlining the AOC, emphasizing core functions and working towards improving the functionality of the courts themselves, the AOC diverts the focus from administration for the sake of having an administrative body, and towards an effective judiciary.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectively submitted,

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