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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on today's meeting.

During the last meeting I listened to questions about requests spanning more than one year.
There was a recommendation that courts be required to return in subsequent years and re-justify their cap adjustment request.

I suggest an alternative to that proposal.

I support the committee's recommendation to adjust the caps for those courts seeking an adjustment. However, a requirement that court's would need to re-justify their cap adjustments in subsequent years would confound an effort to engage in a multi-year contract with any agency providing services for the children's waiting room. Our court is engaged in a contract with a community based organization to provide supervision. If the source of funds associated with paying for those services is subject to review each year it creates a difficulty in engaging in a multi-year contract with the CBO.

Alternatively, the committee may consider authorizing the cap as requested and thereafter require an annual report on the status of the court's children's waiting room operations to ensure that the money is still being used appropriately, or report on any changes to the operation or expenditures. In this manner the court can engage in multi-year contracts and the committee can be assured that the revenues are being used appropriately in each subsequent year. If a courts circumstance changes the committee would have an opportunity each year to reconsider the authorization without

interfering with a courts contractual operation in those instances where no change is reported.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

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