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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a retired Superior Court Judge who is actively engaged in private judging and in volunteering at our local courthouse in Indio, CA doing pro bono mediations. I have frequent contact with judges in Riverside County and Los Angeles County, and with lawyers from those counties and others. I feel I am quite familiar with the problems which have so impacted our courts.

I have taken the opportunity to read the Strategic Evaluation Committee report. After reading the report and having looked at the names of those involved and understanding how the committee was formed, I see no bias in the report, except for the bias we all have in favor of a court system which functions as efficiently as possible, so as to provide the public with a justice system it can be proud of. In fact, outside of what may be the vested interests of some individuals in protecting their own situations, I really cannot see reasonable arguments against adoption of all of the recommendations the Committee made.

I urge the adoption of all of the Committee recommendations.

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