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After reviewing the report of the Strategic Evaluation Committee (SEC) I respectfully urge the Judicial Council to adopt and begin implementation of this report with all due speed.

I sincerely believe that such action is particularly critical at this time in the history of the Judicial branch given all of the events that have occurred within the branch in the last several years and given the extremely difficult financial situation of our State government.

Adoption and implementation of the SEC report is a unique and rare opportunity for Judicial branch to demonstrate that it has not only the courage and humility to engage in a serious, objective and thorough self examination, but also the common sense to act decisively on the findings and recommendations of such an examination in the best interest of the public it serves.

The important benefits of taking this action are clear. Credibility with the Executive and Legislative branches will be enhanced, and more importantly, public confidence and trust in the Judicial branch will be strengthened.

The members of the SEC took their charge and task from the Chief Justice seriously. They voluntarily worked with diligence and discipline over a significant period of time to obtain a substantial amount of information for their report. They then produced a serious, detailed and substantive report with specific recommendations. I believe it would be a costly mistake for the Judicial Council to not act decisively on those recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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