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To the Chief Justice, the Chair of the Executive and Planning Committee and the Members of the Judicial Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Strategic Evaluation Committee's Report on the Administrative Office of the Courts. It has taken me some time to organize my thoughts regarding these comments due to the fact that rather than simply align with one of the various interested parties, I have taken the time to read the report, talk about the current problems in our branch with three colleagues from two of our small counties, talk to a number of my colleagues here in Los Angeles, and speak with an old friend who works for the AOC. After sorting through the various perspectives and weighing all points of view as best I could, I believe it would be best to implement the recommendations of the Strategic Evaluation Committee as set forth in the Committee's May 2012 [Report on the Administrative Office of the Courts](#).

Thanks again for the opportunity to comment. I know that seeing our way through these difficult times is a daunting task. Your hard work is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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