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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input in this most important process. The SEC recommendations should be implemented immediately. Given the financial and other exigencies which dictate the need for significant changes in the way in which the AOC operates and, most importantly, the need for it to be more fully accountable to the judges, who are in turn elected by, and directly accountable to the citizens of this state, there is simply no need for further surveys, studies or reports before the proposed SEC recommendations are implemented. In particular, I strongly encourage immediate adoption and implementation of SEC Report Recommendations 4-3 and 7-58 so a mechanism will exist to require the AOC to submit to the Judicial Council, with regard to all significant branch-wide projects or investment initiatives, a business case analysis as a condition precedent thereto.

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