

My name is Kris Inman. I have worked for Tulare County Courts for 29 years, starting as a traffic clerk to a Courtroom Clerk. During my employment with the Courts, I have seen things get worse. In the last five years, we have not gotten an income increase, including cost of living adjustments. In fact, each year my salary has decreased because of mandatory furlough days.

I have seen several outlying courts close, and many people laid off. As a result, my co-workers and I have had to endure increased job duties and workloads. I currently live and work in Porterville, where we moved last October into a newly constructed \$100 million state-of-the-art courthouse, that is now being considered to close because of lack of funding. If it closed it would be devastating to the community and would cause more layoffs.

I plan to retire in the next two years and I recently learned that my social security and retirement benefits will actually be reduced because of the reduction in my salary during the last years of my employment.

I have always prided myself in working for the Courts, but now I am insecure of its future. We need the funding restored to run our courts. Give back the security and pride of working for California Trial Courts again.

Thank you.

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