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Independent Citizens Commission
State of Arkansas
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Re: Request of Arkansas Judicial Council

Dear Commissioners:

As President of the Arkansas Judicial Council, I write on behalf of our membership, which includes 126 circuit court judges, 12 judges of the Arkansas Court of Appeals, and 7 justices of the Arkansas Supreme Court. Every day, Arkansas judges and their dedicated staff work with individuals facing challenging circumstances, uphold the rule of law, and strive to ensure justice is served fairly and efficiently.

In recent years, the Commission has demonstrated a thoughtful and fair approach in recognizing the essential work of the judiciary. We are especially appreciative of your efforts to grant cost-of-living adjustments consistent with those provided to other state employees. This commitment to parity has not gone unnoticed.

We also appreciate your careful attention to compensation decisions within the Executive Branch and encourage you to maintain the same standard of fairness when evaluating adjustments for the judiciary.

Thank you for your continued support and for the important work you do on behalf of all Arkansans.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David B. McNeill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

President