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RE: Judicial Branch Funding

The Minnesota Association for Justice (MAJ) is the largest and oldest bar association dedicated to protecting the rights of the injured and accused in the State of Minnesota. MAJ's members represent injured Minnesotans in many settings and our members appear in courts across the State of Minnesota. Our members know intimately how important adequate court funding is for Minnesotans that must assert their rights in our courts.

The third and separate branch of Minnesota government must have the resources to meet its constitutional obligations. Recruiting and retaining high quality personnel is central to the challenge of dispensing justice. Private sector careers offer attractive salary and benefit packages that exceed public service employment. This disparity is especially evident for judicial law clerks and the other critical staff performing administrative functions that keep our courts running efficiently.

MAJ supports significant new investments in judicial branch personnel so our courts maintain the high standards that has made Minnesota the envy of the nation.

Sincerely:

Charles Slane

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