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David Schumacher  
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Dear Mr. Schumacher:

With this letter I am pleased to transmit the 2023-25 biennial budget request on behalf of the Washington Supreme Court, the Washington State Law Library, and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Also included are the biennial budget requests for the Washington State Court of Appeals, Office of Public Defense and Office of Civil Legal Aid.

The Supreme Court, Board for Judicial Administration, and Judicial Information Systems Committee continue to rigorously review all requests for new and increased funding. These requests were reviewed by boards and committees that represent a thorough cross-section of the Judicial Branch, and in the view of the Court, represent our highest priorities.

Washington's Judicial Branch remains committed to a judicial system that works for everyone. That is why our requests focus on maintaining and improving our IT systems, supporting our trial courts, providing adequate support for court programs, and examining how to make our justice system accessible and fair to everyone in Washington.

If you have any questions regarding our process or the budget submittal, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 357-2029. You may also contact Christopher Stanley, Chief Financial and Management Officer at 360-357-2406 or at [Christopher.Stanley@courts.wa.gov](mailto:Christopher.Stanley@courts.wa.gov)

Respectfully,

Steven González  
Chief Justice

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Presiding Chief Judge George Fearing, Court of Appeals  
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