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Attention: Stephanie Happold
Data Dissemination Committee
Administrative Office of the Courts
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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of King County, Washington to request access to the JABS data base for the King County Court Services, Personal Recognizance Investigators.

All King County Court Services including pre-trial reporting, 1st Appearance and other court reports as well as personal recognizance release decisions are all generated and completed by the PR Court Services Investigators who, in King County are located in and report to the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention.

Our Presiding Superior and District Court Judges assumed our court services staff had access to JABS and were chagrined to learn that our Investigators do not currently have such. Subsequently, my office was tasked to bring this request directly to you for your consideration and action. It is imperative to the work of King County Courts and overall judicial fidelity that JABS is an integral part of our court services work, particularly now as we will be launching a comprehensive, pre-trial, Risk/Need/Responsivity assessment that will be foundational to the 1st Appearance Report and related court actions.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this urgent matter. I am happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss this request.

Sincerely,

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