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RE: Order Number 25700-A-1400: Proposed Amendments to the Comments of the Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.3

Dear Ms. Lennon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the comments of Code of Judicial Conduct (CJC) Rule 2.3. We support the amendments to the comments of this rule that clarify the standards of conduct to which judges are held include non-discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression. By adding “gender expression” and “gender identity” to the list of protected characteristics, we strengthen our commitment to treating everyone who enters a state courthouse with dignity and respect. As with a number of the rule changes under current consideration, we support efforts to make the legal profession more inclusive and less biased with the goal of providing justice in its truest sense for all. These proposed amendments promote inclusivity, the elimination of bias, and a respectful courtroom setting that benefits all Washingtonians.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Lennon,

Attached are ten letters regarding the various proposed rules published for comment.

Thank you,

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