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I am in receipt of the letter sent to you by Retired Judge Deborah Fleck. I endorse her comments with regard to State funding of certain aspects of the Court system.

I worked on this funding issue as a member of the SCJA after the Trial Court Funding Task Force completed the Justice in Jeopardy report. Although some progress has been made, we now find ourselves in the position, now more than ever, to go back to the recommendations in the report and advocate as a branch for their adoption as policy by the State.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Harold D. Clarke III

Retired Superior Court Judge