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Via Facsimile & Regular Mail

Edward R. Martin, Jr.
Office of the Governor
State Capitol Building, Room 216
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Dear Mr. Martin:

I received your letter of today's date requesting that the Appellate Judicial Commission release to the Governor's office the results of its background checks as to each of the three nominees whose names it transmitted to the Governor. I attempted to reach you by telephone but was unsuccessful, but I was able to speak with Mr. Herschel.

As I told Mr. Herschel, the Commission would be happy to provide this information to you as soon as you provide us with written waivers and authorizations from the nominees permitting the Commission to do so. No such waivers or authorizations accompanied this or any other letter you have sent to us, and, as you know from working with prior Commissions as well as our prior correspondence, the waivers the Commission received do not permit the Commission to share the information it receives with any other office.

As soon as we receive these waivers and authorizations, which the law requires before release of the requested personal information, the Commission will ask the entities that performed its background checks to send your office a letter containing the information, if any, they forwarded to this office about these nominees. New letters would be required as those previously sent by each body concern the entire group of applicants rather than merely the three ultimately nominated.

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I look forward to receiving the waiver and authorizations from you, and to working with you in the future in regard to these and other nominations.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laura Denvir Stith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" and last name "Stith" being more prominent than the middle name "Denvir".

Laura Denvir Stith
Chair, Appellate Judicial Commission

cc: Mr. Henry Herschel