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Dear Members of the Municipal Division Work Group,

The Court is in receipt of the Work Group's interim report. The Court notes the extensive gathering of material for study and the significant additional material (the Ferguson Commission report and a report from the National Center for State Courts) that has become available or will be available shortly since your interim report.

Your report noted numerous issues that the Work Group could study and invited the Court to identify which of those issues or other issues that the Court would find most beneficial for the Work Group to study. It would be beneficial to the Court for the Work Group to identify those solutions suggested in the material that has been gathered that would most merit consideration by the Court. In that connection, in no order of priority, the Court would appreciate the Work Group's analysis of the following issues:

- A. Propriety of judges, prosecutors and staff serving in different capacities in multiple municipal divisions.
- B. Consolidation of municipal divisions, including any authority of the Supreme Court to mandate consolidation.
- C. Use of warrants, process for setting bonds, and time of incarceration.
- D. Enforceability of judgments and remedies for nonpayment.

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The Court extends its appreciation to the members of the Work Group for agreeing to undertake this important work. Due to the additional matters added to your study, the Court recognizes that its original date of a final report of December 1, 2015, will not permit the Work Group to perform its tasks as thoroughly as it might think necessary. Therefore, the Court would appreciate the next report from the Work Group on or before March 1, 2016. In that connection, if the Work Group would find additional staff to be of assistance, the Court is prepared to honor an appropriate request.

Again, the Court is appreciative of the Work Group's efforts and the large task it has been given. It hopes the foregoing is of assistance to the Work Group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Breckenridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "B".

Patricia Breckenridge  
Chief Justice

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