

To: Chairman Hillyer, Vice Chairman Grendell, Ranking Member Galonski
Thank you for the opportunity to give my written opposition testimony regarding
HB488

Amendments two HB 488 do not improve the bill.

This bill should be strictly about guardianship. That section of the bill is excellent and worthy of passing.

“Legal services for judges” has no place in this bill.

Judges, like all county departments, receive an annual budget from the county.

When a judge needs additional funds to retain legal services because of a conflict of interest, he/she may ask for additional funds. This is already clear in law and needs no change.

Claims of separation of powers is a specious argument.

It is outrageous that a judge would be able to demand money from the county treasury without oversight.

I urge you to strip out all references to “legal services for judges” and deliver a clean bill worthy of passing.

Thank you,
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