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Administrative Judge Kim A. Browne
Franklin County Court of Common Pleas
Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch
373 S. High Street, 6th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Honorable Judge Browne:

The Office of the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Court's proposal to increase the number of Judges on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch Bench. As you know we work in close partnership with your court.

Franklin County has and is still experiencing population growth and there has been no corresponding increase in judgeships. Currently there are 242,453 citizens in Franklin County per judge (domestic and juvenile combined) compared to Cuyahoga with 114,832 citizens per judge (domestic and juvenile combined) and Hamilton County with 160,904 per judge (domestic and juvenile combined). By comparison, the citizens of Franklin County should have more judges to serve their needs.

Part of our mission statement is to aggressively prosecute offenders in order to protect the citizens of Franklin County and obtain justice for victims of crime. Additional judgeships will aid our office in our mission and increase the speed of current court processes.

Franklin County serves a widely diverse population including urban and suburban demographics, as well as a large English as a second language population. We know that additional judgeships will fill a need for the population we both serve.

Very truly yours,

Ron O'Brien
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