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Dear Mr. Schoenfeld,

At the June interim meeting, the Joint Committee on Appropriations requested additional information regarding the \$400,000 reduction to the UJS FY2011 Budget. In order to carry out this reduction, each program within the UJS budget was evaluated to determine areas which would have the least impact to services provided in the upcoming fiscal year. Line items for travel, contractual services, supplies, grants, and capital assets were affected. The following programs have been reduced:

Supreme Court \$7,000
Law Library \$4,000
State Court Administrator's Office \$42,000
Circuit Court \$79,000
Clerk of Courts \$50,000
Court Services - \$71,000
Community Based Services \$147,000

While these reductions were designed to minimize the impact to services right now, this does not mean services will not be affected in future years. For example, within the State Court Administrator's Office, the Security Grant program was reduced by \$20,000. This reduction will limit the counties ability to ensure a safe facility for the public and court employees in the future.

We would be happy to answer any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Duggan".

Patricia Duggan
State Court Administrator