

To whom it may concern:

I write today in support of legislation to remove the unnecessary restriction as to judge's mandatory retirement age. As an active trial attorney I can sincerely state that some of the best jurists are those with the most life experience. It is a disservice to the community at large and the legal community specifically to force the most experienced people from the bench. Age is not a good indicator for vigor and effectiveness.

Additionally this mandatory age limit of 75 prevents experienced lawyers from becoming judges as they know they would have a very limited opportunity to serve if they are under age 75 and absolutely are barred if they have reached age 75.. While the community and the bar do benefit from older lawyers in the role of mediator, mentor or active counsel we would all be best served if those individuals could serve as a judge.

Finally I think the age limit of 75 is an unnecessary restriction of the voter's right to select and vote for the person that the voter deems most qualified.

Thank you for your consideration.

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