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Representative Jeff Barker
Chair, House Judiciary Committee

Re: HB 2605 (New Judgeship for Josephine County)

Dear representative Baker:

I write to support the creation of a new judgeship for Josephine County.

We have a tremendous back-log of cases here which hinders our ability to resolve cases in a timely fashion. This causes harm to our clients and also harms our community.

In the past we have had some temporary funding for a pro-tempore judge. That has shown us how much more we can accomplish with an additional judgeship. However, as soon as that position expires we are back to the inefficient system we have struggled with for so many years.

I urge you to grant the relief that we deserve.

Sincerely,



Gary A. Berlant
Assistant Administrator