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Kirk Brust, Trial Court Administrator  
Josephine County Circuit Court  
500 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Dept. 17  
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Dear Mr. Brust:

Please accept this letter as our endorsement of the Josephine County Circuit Court's request for an additional judgeship.

We feel that the National Center for State Courts Judicial Workload Assessment Model appropriately reflects the need for an additional judge in Josephine County. In the past, citizens of Josephine County have benefited from having a pro tem judge. This has improved the court's ability to schedule and hear trials and judicial matters more timely than in previous years, thus resolving disputes and improving public safety for our citizens.

Josephine County Circuit Court currently has space available for a fifth judge.

We strongly encourage the Joint Committee on Trial Court Resources to approve Josephine County's request for an additional judgeship.

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