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To: Judge Paul Knierim ✓
Judge Joseph Marino
Judge Dianne Yamin

From: The Clerks of the Waterbury Probate Court

Although we have not been able to attend the meetings of the Budget Committee, we would like to express our thoughts to your Committee:

- 1) We believe the benefit package for the probate court employees (i.e. vacation time and sick time) should be grandfathered.
- 2) We believe our salaries and raises should be in uniform with State employees.
- 3) The workload of our Court has increased significantly in the past year. We are required to attend seminars and to learn of new legislation without an increase in compensation. We are told at every meeting that the Clerks are the backbone of the Probate Court system – we are the structure that holds the system together. We are on the frontline everyday in order for the Judges to complete their work.
- 4) One cannot put a price on our knowledge and experience.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Gilbode, Chief Clerk
Maryann Ingala, Clerk
Ralph Shove, Deputy Clerk
Deborah Thibodeau, Assistant Clerk
Odeta Hoxha, Court Assistant
Gladys Vasquez, Court Assistant

Cc: Mary MacGregor