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Dear Clerk:

It has come to our attention that some petitioning relative to recusal law or practice has occurred recently. While it sounds great to be assured that judicial favor is not granted based on campaign contributions, we believe that the voting process is a means of bringing in judges who have the integrity to recues themselves from cases in which a true conflict of interests exists. To bring up the issue at this time with arbitrary and inflexible constraints appears to be *politically* motivated as a tactic to hamstring the court. New restrictions might even result in giving power to justices in which the people not expressed their trust.

Concerned,

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