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To the Court:

The Wisconsin Justice Initiative supports the reforms proposed in the petition "In re rule for recusal when a party or lawyer has made a large campaign contribution" submitted by 54 retired members of the judiciary.

The amount of money flowing directly and indirectly into judges' campaigns casts into doubt the independence and integrity of courts throughout the state.

We urge you to accept the petition and adopt the reforms proposed.

Thank you,

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**Executive Director**