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Director Jennifer Donnelly  
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Dear Director Donnelly:

We have worked closely with your office, the Governor and the Legislature to address our continued concerns of ensuring equitable judicial salaries in Wisconsin, and we are appreciative of the judicial increases included in the 2007-2009 Compensation Plan.

While it is essential that Wisconsin's judges be fairly compensated, the national and state economic situation requires difficult choices. With the State's worsening financial condition, the Supreme Court has decided to request that the Office of State Employment Relations recommend to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations a modification to the 2007-2009 Compensation Plan to remove the two-percent salary increase scheduled for the justices and judges on or after June 7, 2009. This is in keeping with a similar request made by the Legislature for State Representatives and Senators.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A. John Voelker  
Director of State Courts

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Cc: Supreme Court Justices  
Michael Morgan, DOA Secretary