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Ms. Julie Ann Rich
 Supreme Court Commissioner
 Supreme Court of Wisconsin

Dear Commissioner Rich,

I wanted to first again express our appreciation for the Court's willingness to extend the deadline for NACDL to file comments to Rule Petition 17-06. We are very much looking forward to the opportunity to share our perspective with the Court.

Second, I wanted to follow up on our discussion of NACDL sending a representative to the May 16th public hearing. As the nation's preeminent criminal defense bar, NACDL is keenly interested in the issues raised by the Petition and the Court's corresponding questions. We believe we are uniquely poised to provide the Court with a national perspective that is drawn from our 60 years of advocacy, investigation, training and reform efforts relating to public defense.

As an organization NACDL has authored numerous reports relating to the state of public defense including state focused reports in Louisiana (State of Crisis) South Carolina (Summary Injustice and Rush to Judgement) and Florida (Three Minute Justice); the systemic overview of our three-part Gideon series; and our examination of the federal indigent defense system (Federal Indigent Defense 2015: The Independence Imperative). We have also served as amicus on numerous filings related to the provision of indigent defense services in state and local courts including Tucker v. Idaho and Kuren v. Luzerne County. With many thousands of direct members and 90 state, local and international affiliate organizations totaling up to 40,000 members, NACDL represents the voice of criminal defense attorneys from all aspects of local, state, federal, international and military practices.

Because we deem the issues raised by Petition 17-06 to be of such fundamental import to our legal system, we are planning on having our current President, Rick Jones, and our Executive Director, Norman Reimer, travel to Madison to represent NACDL and to offer our perspective on some of the key issues the Court has raised in response to the initial petition. Mr. Jones is the current Executive Director and a founding member of the Neighborhood Defender Services of Harlem. Mr. Reimer has served as NACDL's Executive Director for more than a decade, but prior to joining the organization; he served as the President of the New York County Lawyers' Association where he played a key role in litigation relating to the funding of New York's public defense system. During his time in private practice, Mr. Reimer served as a chair of one of New York's assigned counsel plans and was a member of the federal CJA Panel.

While we understand the current intention is for the Court to allow individuals up to 5 minutes to provide public comment and that the Court anticipates a number of persons who will be present to do so, we are

hopeful that the Court will make an exception and permit us a total of 30 minutes (to be shared by Mr. Jones and Mr. Reimer). We feel the breadth and depth of our expertise and experience will provide the Court with invaluable assistance in reaching its decision regarding this Petition.

We are looking forward to the opportunity the Court has graciously provided to us and hope that you will be able to accommodate our request for additional time so that Mr. Reimer and Mr. Jones can assist the Court in addressing this fundamental issue.

If there are any questions relating to this request or you require additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at: bhoffman@nacdl.org or by phone at [202-465-7649](tel:202-465-7649). Thank you again for your time and assistance with our request.

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