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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 3rd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

February 19, 2025

To: Chief Justice Jill J. Karofsky
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Attn: Deputy Clerk Rules

From: Representative Ron Tusler, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary

Re: Rule Petition 25-04, Wisconsin Bar Exam

I write to express my support for Rule Petition 25-04 to amend Supreme Court Rules (SCR) 40.04 and 40.14 to allow applicants to transfer qualifying UBE (Uniform Bar Exam) scores to Wisconsin. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary, I have been very focused on addressing the ongoing lawyer shortage, specifically in rural areas of the state. By allowing UBE scores to be accepted in Wisconsin, I believe more Wisconsin-born residents who earn their law degrees from out-of-state law schools will be incentivized to return to their home state and practice law.

Although the ongoing lawyer shortage and court-case backlog are complicated issues that cannot be solved with one "catchall" solution, I believe making it easier for qualified attorneys to practice law in this state can help mitigate this growing problem. As an attorney-legislator who represents a rural area, I can see firsthand how the rural attorney shortage is creating real and increasingly problematic constitutional issues. By amending SCR 40.04, I believe the Court can make strides in addressing this problem. I hope that you appreciate my support for the proposed rule change. I trust that you will seriously consider my ideas as I try to help.

For these stated reasons, I believe adopting Rule Petition 25-04 would be a beneficial change for the rural areas of our state and help slow the growing attorney shortage and, in turn, the growing court-case backlog.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronell V. Tusler".

Representative Ron Tusler
3rd Assembly District
Chair, Assembly Committee on Judiciary