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Dear Director Duff:

J. Michelle Childs
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On behalf of the Federal Judges Association, I write to express the support of our organization and our members for the recommendations of the Judicial Security Committee, adopted by the Judicial Conference and described in the news release published on September 16, 2020. As well stated by Judge David McKeague, referring to tragedies suffered recently by the family of Judge Esther Salas and before that by other federal judges, “these horrific tragedies must stop.” There can be no priority more important than keeping federal judges safe to perform their responsibilities without fear.

Executive Committee

Nannette Jolivet Brown
Eastern District of Louisiana

We appreciate the opportunity to consult with you, Judge McKeague, and the Judicial Security Committee in developing the recommendations. We stand prepared to continue to work together with the Judicial Conference and the Administrative Office in support of proposed legislation. In particular, we fully support the positions outlined in your letters, dated September 4, 2020, to the leaders of the Judiciary and Appropriations Committees of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Leigh M. May
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We have consulted with the Office of Legislative Affairs and with our colleagues in the Federal Magistrate Judges Association and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and we will continue to do so in support of our common goal. We are prepared to ask our members to get personally engaged in the effort to persuade Congress of the importance of the proposed legislation.

Charles M. Simpson, III
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Please do not hesitate to contact me and our other officers when we can assist with this critically important cause. We appreciate your efforts.

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Sincerely,

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