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THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT SYSTEM

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We are concerned because the local courts have expressed doubts about their ability to carry out their responsibilities within the constraints of their existing budget, and have submitted a supplemental budget request to accommodate some of the shortfall that they anticipate. We believe it is essential that, consistent with its laudatory goals, the Revitalization Act be implemented in a way that does not threaten the continued success of our local court system. Without expressing a view about the individual components of that supplemental request, we therefore urge the relevant decision makers to ensure that the D.C. court system receives adequate funding so that it may continue its efforts to serve the citizens of the District in a fair, timely, and efficient manner.

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**Re: The Need for Adequate Funding for the District of Columbia
Court System**

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Very truly yours,

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