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Honorable Collins J. Seitz United States Court of Appeals Lock Box No. 32 Federal Building, 844 King Street Wilmington, Delaware 19901-2574

Re: S. 2027, the Biden Civil Justice Reform Act

Dear Judge Seitz:

Thank you for your letter of May 10th on the above subject. I know that the members of the Conference will be pleased that you feel that their fourteen principles are preferable to the Biden bill. I will call your suggestion to the Executive Committee about the desirability of filing an appropriate report periodically with committees of Congress. Thanks for taking this interest in an important bill.

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Dear Mr. Mecham:

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I have just had an opportunity to review the Conference's proposed "program." I regret the delay.

I certainly agree that it is far preferable to the Biden bill. However, I wonder whether the Executive Committee considered the insertion of a provision that would have called for the filing of an appropriate report at certain intervals with appropriate committees of the Congress. I ask because it might assuage Congressional concern that we are not advising those interest groups that are behind the Biden bill. I do not see any separation of powers issue.

No response is required.

Sincerely,

cc: A. Leon Higginbotham, Chief Judge John P. Hehman, Circuit Executive