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Chief Judge

May 29, 1990

Mr. L. Ralph Mecham
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Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Ralph:

I have enclosed a few of the letters received by me from other Judges or directly from Congressmen for our "file" on this subject.

Sincerely,


John F. Nangle

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CC: Members of the Executive Committee

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April 27, 1990

The Honorable Frank Magill
U.S. Circuit Judge
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Dear Frank:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on S. 2027, the Civil Justice Reform Act. It's good to hear from you again.

I appreciate the information which you have provided on this measure, and understand your view that this bill would mainly increase paperwork and create unnecessary administrative requirements for judges, lawyers and clients. In his analysis, Chief Justice Barefoot Sanders raises an important issue by pointing out that there are many factors contributing to delays in case resolutions, including the increase in criminal cases. I am concerned that this measure may only increase the administrative responsibilities of the courts, without achieving the objectives sought by the measure's sponsors. The Senate Judiciary Committee held hearings on S. 2027 on March 6, and the measure is still pending in the Committee. I welcome your views, and strongly agree that the criticisms raised by the judicial branch must be addressed before this bill is considered.

Thanks again for writing. Please continue to keep in touch.

Sincerely,



KENT CONRAD
United States Senator

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send to Washington?*

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The Honorable William L. Hungate
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Dear Bill:

Thanks for letting me know about your concerns regarding S. 2027, the Biden "Civil Justice Reform Act".

You're not alone in thinking that this effort may be an exercise in micro-management. However, I believe that Senator Biden is committed to moving this legislation in one form or another. Meanwhile, Judge Peckham is spearheading efforts by the Judicial Conference to get Senator Biden to make changes in his bill.

There's also a bill in the House, H.R. 3898, introduced by Congressman Jack Brooks and cosponsored by Congressman Bob Kastenmeier. The Subcommittee Bob chairs, the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Administration of Justice, has jurisdiction over the bill.

While Bob has cosponsored the legislation, he's open on the merits of the bill and has expressed concerns that it may indeed be micro-management. I think Bob will have his Subcommittee take a very hard and careful look at it before deciding to move anything on this. So, get that Doctor to reduce the blood pressure medicine!

I'll be following the Subcommittee's work on this closely. Thanks again for writing me about it, Bill, and good luck in your work!

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



Don Edwards
Member of Congress

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