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Senator John Reagan
Chairman, Senate Capital Budget
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Rochester Circuit Court Building

Dear Chairman Reagan:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding the Judicial Branch's capital budget request on May 7, 2021. During the course of my testimony, I noted the Judicial Branch's strong support for construction on a new Rochester Circuit Court courthouse if funding is available. This project would be managed through the Department of Administrative Services' ("DAS") budget. The estimated cost for design and engineering is \$1,161,000. The total cost of construction is roughly \$12 million. If the Committee would like a more comprehensive construction cost estimate, we can work with Commissioner Arlinghaus to develop a detailed estimate.

We estimate the building size for Rochester would be similar to the Concord Circuit Court, which is two stories and approximately 24,000 square feet. DAS estimates that the design and engineering phase will take up to twelve (12) months. If approved by July 1, 2021, design and engineering work would begin by approximately mid-September. Once completed, DAS would have a full set of plans that would be ready to go out to bid. DAS estimates that construction would take between 18 -24 months.

If you have any additional questions, or want more detail on the cost estimates or timelines, please let me know. Again, thank you for your careful consideration of the Judicial Branch's capital budget request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gordon J. MacDonald".

Gordon J. MacDonald
Chief Justice

cc: Senator Jeb Bradley, Vice Chair
Senator David Watters
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