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The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member, Committee on  
the Judiciary  
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RE: **S. 4711 Daniel Aderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2020  
(the "Act")**

Dear Senators Graham and Feinstein:

Threats against federal judges are on the rise, jeopardizing the safety of our judicial officers and their families. The recent acts of senseless violence against the family of Judge Esther Salas have renewed our resolve to confront this grim reality and seek appropriate solutions. Named in honor of Judge Salas' son, the Act seeks to address this problem by implementing many of the recommendations authored by the Judicial Conference of the United States to bolster judicial security and deter future tragedies. The Act protects the personally identifiable information of federal judges and their immediate family members and prohibits unauthorized use or public disclosure. It also provides needed resources to monitor and assess threats against judges, improve outdated security monitoring systems, and ensure adequate staffing for the agencies charged with deterring threats to the federal judiciary.

On behalf of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges ("NCBJ"), I write to express our organization's full support of the Act, and we urge Congress to swiftly adopt this legislation to implement the changes necessary to protect our federal judges. We also welcome an opportunity to work cooperatively with the legislative branch to provide further information and guidance on matters that will ultimately improve the safety of our judges and prevent future attacks.

The NCBJ is a voluntary association of bankruptcy judges of the United States that has several purposes: to provide continuing legal education to judges, lawyers, and other involved professionals; to promote cooperation among the bankruptcy judges; to secure a greater degree of quality and uniformity in the administration of the bankruptcy system; and to improve the practice of law in the United States bankruptcy courts.

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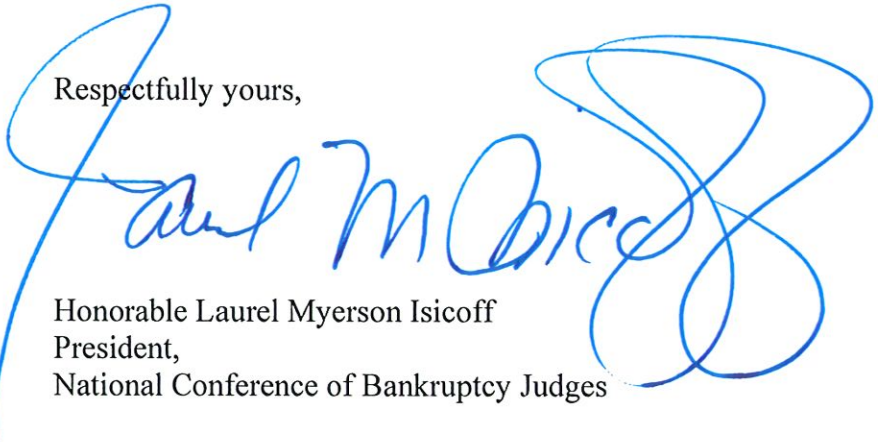
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The views expressed in this letter represent those of the NCBJ as an organization, on whose behalf this statement is issued, and do not necessarily reflect the personal views of any sitting bankruptcy judge.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

With kindest regards, I am,

Respectfully yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul M. O'Connell". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

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