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The Honorable Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf
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RE: Senate Bill 1215

Chairman Greenleaf,

I am writing at this time to ask for your support of Senate Bill 1215 which would transfer County Clerks of Courts, Prothonotaries and selected Deputies to the Judicial system service.

As Carbon County Clerk of Courts for the past twenty-five (25) years and former Director of the Bureau of Collections in Carbon County (1981-1985) and Lehigh County (1985-1989), I find it very important that these offices should finally come under the Unified Judicial System.

Under this proposal these offices will continue to standardize state wide court practices and collection procedures and eliminate existing disparities to establish a more cohesive efficient operation.

Since the implementation of CPCMS in 2005 and the upgrade of the MDJS, we have made great strides in creating a unified system and with the cooperation of the AOPC we continue to move forward to make an even better system for all.

Carbon County alone would save approximately \$350,000.00-\$400,000.00 per year in salaries, health and pension benefits.

I also believe that the transition will address the long outstanding lawsuit concerning the Unified Judicial System.

The majority of our Association has been in support of Senate Bill 1215 as well as CCAP.

Finally, I have the utmost RESPECT for you & the Senate Judiciary Committee and would like to thank you for your past support and continued cooperation in moving the Courts forward.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William C. McGinley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

William C. McGinley
Carbon County Clerk of Courts