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Comment:

I am writing to indicate that I agree with all of the concerns raised by the judicial officers who have commented on this proposed amendment. While I understand the desire for increased transparency, the proposed amendments require an extensive amount of personal information be provided that places the judicial officers and their families at risk as outlined by others who have commented. Additionally, such required disclosures are likely to have a negative impact on the courts' ability to fill openings for magistrates and referees who have to fill out the financial disclosure forms as well. Many counties already struggle to fill these positions due to the shortage of attorneys and pay being lower than what qualified applicants can make in the private sector. Adding the requirement to disclose and make public such personal financial information that places an individual and their family at risk is likely going to make it harder to convince attorneys to leave the private sector to serve in quasi-judicial roles the courts.

Sincerely,

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