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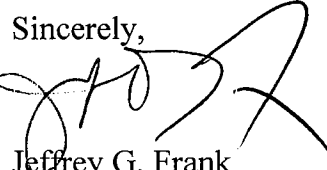
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Re: HB 1226 - Judicial Campaign Contribution

Dear John:

Attached is the letter we discussed via e-mail regarding HB 1226. Thank you again for testifying on this important bill and for agreeing to give WDTL's endorsement letter to the chair of the State Government Operations and Accountability Committee. Best of luck.

Sincerely,  
  
Jeffrey G. Frank

Enclosures

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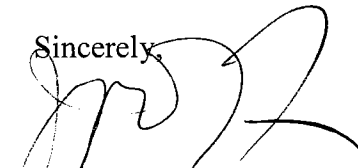
RE: HB 1226 - Judicial Campaign Contribution

Dear Chairperson Haigh and Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers to endorse Section 2 of House Bill 1226 which provides for limitations on campaign contributions for individuals running for judicial positions within the State of Washington. A non partisan judiciary is the hallmark of our civil and criminal justice system. Whenever there is an opportunity for significant campaign contributions, the appearance of fairness and integrity of the system may be put in question.

Our Board members and members at large are prepared to assist in moving this bill forward through the House and Senate. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey G. Frank  
WDTL President

cc: John H. Ruhl