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I support the recommendations of the Strategic Evaluation Committee for the overhaul of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The report by the Committee documents the serious and urgent need for reform. The implementation of the recommendations will provide for reductions in the size of the AOC, leading to budget savings that are desperately needed in light of the impending cuts to the judicial branch budget. With courtrooms closing and services to the public being drastically reduced, reform and streamlining of the AOC will be a step towards restoring services as well as the public's confidence in the judicial branch. The recommendations will also address the significant issues of control over the judicial branch and restore to the judges, as constitutional, elected officials, decision making authority over the judicial branch. I urge you to implement these critical reforms to the judicial branch immediately.

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