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Senator Christopher S. Bond
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Re: Federal Judicial Compensation

Dear Senator Bond:

On behalf of the 28,000 members of The Missouri Bar, I write to urge your support for legislation that will substantially increase the compensation of our federal judges. The Missouri Bar strongly supports reasonable and adequate compensation of judges at all levels. There is no question that the compensation our federal judges currently receive is inadequate compared to salaries of lawyers in private practice and those working for corporations and other entities that aspire to attract talented and successful members of the bar.

The Missouri Bar consistently supports the best possible compensation for our state and federal judges, and will continue to do so. Only if we attract the most qualified of our profession to the bench will the public receive the quality of justice they deserve. Please do everything possible to support legislation currently pending in Congress that will increase federal judicial compensation.

Thank you very much for considering this very important matter.

Sincerely,

C. Ronald Baird
President

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