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As both a Debtors attorney and former Panel Trustee, I think that the new forms, while well meaning, are much too complicated. They will not help Debtors in general self file. It will encourage them to make mistakes and lose assets or their discharge. The forms just try too much to be everything for everyone. They will increase the task of Debtor's counsel, thus driving up the cost of representation. They will make review by the Trustee more difficult and time consuming, thus taking time away from other, equally important, activities such as fraud detection. I am a big fan of simplicity and feel that the required information could be included using fewer pages.

I also wish to emphasize the comments from NACBA. They are well thought out.

I am willing to not just comment, but assist if you like. Feel free to contact me. I like to think I am in a unique position to provide input due to my experience on both sides of the bankruptcy system.

Best,

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