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The Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr Chief Justice Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

Dear Chief Justice Roberts:

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Twenty years ago, when Congress required federal courts to publish court records online, it required the Supreme Court to establish rules to protect the privacy and security of Americans whose information was contained in public court records. Congress also required the courts to report back every two years to describe whether the rules were in fact protecting Americans' privacy and security. * * *

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The most recent report, which was provided to my office in draft form, * * * describes how in 2015-2016, the Judicial Conference considered a proposal to redact the entire SSN from court filings, as federal court rules currently permit, and in some cases require, records to include the last four digits. * * *

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