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MEMORANDUM TO ALL JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

FROM: Eugene E. Siler, Jr., District Judge Representative-
elect to the Judicial Conference of the United States

SUBJECT: S.2027, "The Biden Bill"

Last month, the Judicial Conference of the United States voted unanimously to oppose S.2027 ("The Biden Bill") in its present form. You have received from Ralph Mecham copies of the bill and a detailed analysis, a Conference-approved reaffirmation of case management, and a copy of the testimony presented on behalf of the Conference by Chief Judge Aubrey Robinson. A subcommittee of the Conference's Executive Committee, chaired by District Judge Bob Peckham, would welcome receiving thoughts and recommended suggestions on the bill from judges throughout the judiciary. As your district judge representative-elect to the Judicial Conference, I have been asked to obtain the views of the judicial officers in our circuit, and transmit them to Judge Peckham.

Senator Biden has announced his intention to process the legislation on a "fast track", and markup could occur as early as May. Since discussions with Senator Biden's staff are already underway, it is essential that I know your views as soon as possible.

It would be easiest for me if one judge in each district, and one judge on the court of appeals, could be designated to canvass the judicial officers, and then provide me with your comments. I want to ensure that our views are taken into account, and so the sooner I receive them the better.

I appreciate your cooperation on this important matter.