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The Honorable Phil Murphy
Office of the Governor
Post Office Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: A1649 (Quijano)/S2797 (Cryan) –Daniel’s Law

Dear Governor Murphy:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Bar Association and its 18,000 members, I urge you to sign into law A649/S2797. These are important measures to increase protections for judges and prosecutors. The NJSBA considers this an integral step towards shoring up the safety of those individuals empowered with ensuring justice.

The tragedy that took the life of the Honorable Esther Salas’s only son, Daniel Anderl, and critically wounded her husband, Mark, was a tragic wake-up call that the independence of the Judiciary is at risk. Threats are frequently visited upon judges across the court system, whether they handle family, civil or criminal matters. They happen to judges when they are on the bench and when they have retired. These threats are an attack not just on individual stewards of justice, but on the entire system, a cornerstone of our democracy. It is imperative that steps are in place to deter these threats to ensure our justice system maintains its independence and integrity.

We urge you to sign Daniel’s Law into law to implement these necessary measures to protect New Jersey’s jurists. Thank you for your consideration. May you remain safe during these unprecedented times. On behalf of the NJSBA, thank you for your leadership.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly A. Yonta". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kimberly A. Yonta
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cc: Angela Scheck, NJSBA Executive Director