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The Honorable Mikie Sherrill  
1414 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2020

Dear Congresswoman Sherrill:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Bar Association and its 18,000 members, I thank you for your introduction of the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2020 and urge you to reintroduce this bill with consideration of an important amendment to include immigration judges. This measure is an important step to protect not just these individuals and their families, but to fortify the independence of the judiciary that our country holds in highest regard.

Just this week, the New Jersey State Bar Association co-sponsored, and along with the full New Jersey delegation, supported Resolution 10E in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. That resolution urges Congress to pass the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2020, or similar legislation to prohibit the disclosure of personally identifiable information of active, former, senior, recalled, or retired federal judges and their families, including magistrate, bankruptcy, administrative law, administrative and immigration judges.

As you consider our request to reintroduce your legislation, I urge you to expand the original bill to include within the universe of those protected in this bill immigration judges, who face the same threats that all judges face. With this important change, we continue to support your efforts on this front.

This is of critical import to our members in New Jersey, many of whom know and experienced the sadness of our dear friend, U.S District Court Judge Esther Salas. As you know, her son, Daniel Anderl, was gunned down at her home and her husband, Mark, was badly wounded. This was at the hands of a disgruntled lawyer who had appeared before Judge Salas

and who spewed his hatred of woman and people of color under the guise of practicing as a “men’s rights lawyer.” A dissatisfied lawyer easily gained access to Judge Salas’s personal information and that knowledge, changed her life and the discourse on the issue of judicial security in New Jersey.

I urge you not just to reintroduce this bill, but to advocate strongly for these protections. This is not just a request to protect our most valued resources in the courthouses – and their families – but because without these protections, the sanctity of the impartiality of the court system is in peril.

We stand ready to support this bill’s passage and provide any other information you may need. Thank you for your consideration. May you remain safe during these unprecedented times. On behalf of the NJSBA, thank you for your leadership.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly A. Vonta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Kimberly A. Vonta  
President

cc: Angela Scheck, NJSBA Executive Director