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Co-Chair, Representative William Tong
Joint Committee on the Judiciary
Legislative Office building, Room 2500
Hartford CT 06106

Re: Reappointment of Judge Terence Zemetis

Dear Representative Tong,

Please accept this letter in support of the reappointment of Judge Terence Zemetis to continue in his service as a Superior Court Judge for the State of Connecticut.

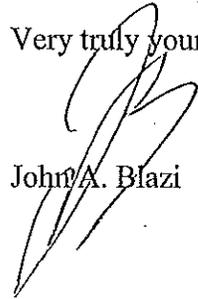
I have known Judge Zemetis professionally for many years. I have therefore had the privilege of observing him both as an attorney and as a judge. As a judge, he administers justice fairly and with respect not only for the law, but also for the attorneys and litigants who appear before him. Judge Zemetis has the ideal judicial temperament, a keen knowledge of the law, and perhaps as importantly, the experience to craft creative strategies to resolve cases. Most recently, he served as a mediator in a complicated personal injury matter with high exposure to the defendants, and with complicated liability issues, including the admissibility of certain evidence, and the apportionment of liability amongst the defendants. The case also included multiple layers of insurance coverage, further complicating matters. Judge Zemetis was extremely imaginative in the manner in which he was able to draw the insurance carriers and our clients together to reach a result that was satisfactory to all involved.

Judge Zemetis is, in my opinion, uniquely qualified to serve as a Superior Court Judge. He is an intellectual jurist who is capable of and not afraid to think "outside of the box". This ability is what saved the day at the recently concluded mediation when it appeared that negotiations between the parties were at an impasse. Judge Zemetis was very persuasive in illuminating the risk that both sides faced in going to trial. His tireless efforts resolved the matter, saving both the parties and the judicial system the time and expense of going through a lengthy trial.

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It is my honor to fully support the reappointment of Judge Zemetis to serve another term as a Superior Court Judge.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Blazi". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and "B".

John A. Blazi

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