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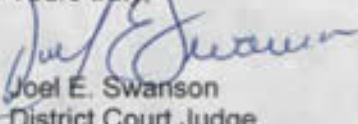
Dear Mr. Dlouhy:

As a District Court Judge whose name shall appear on the ballot this fall for retention, I have received your inquiry and request for a response. When I was sworn in as a District Court Judge, I agreed to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa and that I would do so faithfully and impartially to the best of my ability. I continue to maintain that position. I avoid making any comments which may suggest that I am predisposed to rule on certain matters in a certain way. I consider myself a person of high moral and ethical standards.

AS a District Court Judge, there are two appellate courts that review my decisions. My role is to interpret the law, not to make it. I attempt in all ways to adhere to the rule of law.

It is my belief that by maintaining these standards, I perform my duties fairly, impartially, and with confidence that I am performing my duties as all people who before me would expect.

Yours truly,



Joel E. Swanson  
District Court Judge

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