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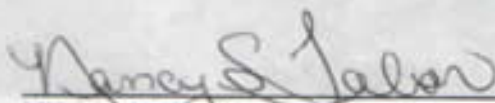
Daniel Dlouhy  
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West Des Moines, IA 50265

Re: Questionnaire

Dear Mr. Dlouhy:

Thank-you for your interest in the upcoming judicial retention ballot. As you know, Iowa Judges are not "elected" by popular or political voting but rather selected by merit selection and retention balloting. Judges must remain neutral and follow the rule of law. Citizens have a due process right to appear before judges who will make decisions based on the evidence, the law, and arguments of the parties regardless of the personal views of the judge. If a judge announces a position on any issue, his or her impartiality is called into question and a recusal may be necessary, causing delays and possible harm to the litigants. For all these reasons, it is in the best interest of the citizens that I not announce my personal views as requested by your questionnaire. Please feel free to visit the web site of the Iowa Judicial Branch at [www.judicial.state.ia.us](http://www.judicial.state.ia.us) for my biographical information and visit the Iowa Bar Association at [www.iowabar.org](http://www.iowabar.org) for information regarding the latest judicial plebiscite.

Sincerely,



Nancy S. Tabor  
Judge of the Seventh Judicial District