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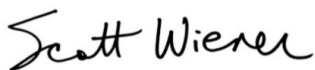
Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated May 2, 2025, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to Section 28.50 in the *2024-25 Budget Act*, of a request from the Judicial Council to increase its reimbursement authority by \$14,920,000. You requested JLBC waive the 30-day review period.

The Board of State and Community Corrections received federal Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program funds and entered into an agreement with the Judicial Council to distribute grants to state trial courts for firearm relinquishment and collaborative courts. Originally, the budget provided spending authority over multiple years. However, it turns out all of the funds must be encumbered before the grants are distributed to the trial courts. As a result, the Judicial Council needs to increase its reimbursement authority for fiscal year 2024-25.

I have reviewed the notification letter and concur with the request. In addition, I waive the remainder of the 30-day review period to ensure the Judicial Council can distribute grants before the end of the year.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiener  
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee