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Support for SB 807A

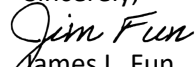
Dear Chair Kropf and House Judiciary Committee Members,

I spent 15 years as a Washington County Circuit Court judge, retiring in 2021. Prior to that, I was a deputy district attorney from 1990-2006 with the Washington County District Attorney's Office. Immediately prior to my election as judge in 2006, I served as a Senior DDA.

As a retired judge and prosecutor, I know how blanket affidavits (removing a judge from every criminal case without justification) distort and politicize the judicial system. Rather than pursuing redress through the legal process by hearing or appeal, blanket affidavits effectively alter the checks and balances of our government. Said simply, the Justice system cannot resolve and adjudicate disputes between the executive and the public that elected the judge when a party chooses to use the affidavit process offensively and strategically against the court.

SB 807 provides a fair, transparent means of addressing potential blanket affidavits. Please support this bill and send it to the floor for a full vote.

Sincerely,


James L. Fun

Senior Circuit Court Judge