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Senator Edward Cruz
300 E 8th, Suite 961
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act/Financial Disclosures U.S.D.J. James Paul Oetken

Dear Senator Cruz,

We write this letter to you in your capacity as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a cosponsor of Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act, and seek your assistance in resolving a matter in which a federal judge has refused to disclose his financial holdings and ex parte communications, effectively admitting to having engaged in bribery and corruption of the federal bench. The jurist in question is U.S.D.J. James Paul Oetken of the Southern District of New York.

On September 13, 2022, in the matter of Kaul/Basch v ICE et al: 21-CV-06992, and as per the enclosed letter, we requested from U.S.D.J. Oetken his Forms AO 10 since 2020 and a list of all ex parte communications with the Defendants and or their agents. This request was submitted pursuant to the Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act. In this letter we referenced the articles published in September 2021 by the Wall Street Journal, regrading corruption within the federal judiciary.

We believe this case presents the first test of the Act, and we hope that this test proves the Act has weight.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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