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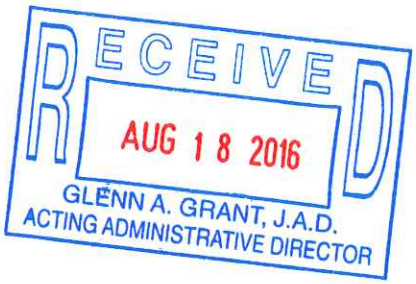

The Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Administrative Offices of the Court
Hughes Justice Complex
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Re: Comment Submission Regarding the May 27, 2016 Report of the Supreme Court Working Group on the Indiscriminate Shackling of Juveniles in Court and Proposed Court Rule 5:19-4

Dear Judge Grant:

Please be advised that the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety fully supports the rule recommendation in the May 27, 2016 Report of the Supreme Court Working Group on the Indiscriminate Shackling of Juveniles in Court. Proposed Court Rule 5:19-4 reasonably balances the negative impact of shackling juveniles during court proceedings with important safety considerations, and as such is supported by both the Juvenile Justice Commission and the Division of Criminal Justice. Further, please note that the Department of Law and Public Safety is committed to working with the Administrative Office of the Courts relative to the implementation of the proposed rule upon its adoption by the Supreme Court.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this rule proposal.

Very truly yours,

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