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This proposed amendment requiring unpaid mediators to file suit in Small Claims Court will clog the court's calendar and most likely will discourage people from serving in this capacity. The current system of notifying the judge who did the appointment works efficiently and fairly, most often resulting in payment. I urge that this proposed amendment be rejected.

Thank you for your consideration.

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