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VIA EMAIL (Comments.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us) <u>AND REGULAR EMAIL</u> Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D. Acting Administrative Director of the Courts Hughes Justice Complex P.O. Box 037

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0037

Re: Comments Regarding Proposed Regulations on Committee on Character

Dear Judge Grant:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Legal Advocacy Project of the Unitarian

Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey ("UULMNJ") in regard to the proposed updates

to the Regulations Governing the Committee on Character (hereafter, "Regulations").

The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey

The UULMNJ (<u>http://www.uulmnj.org/</u>) is a New Jersey not-for-profit corporation representing most of the Unitarian Universalist Congregations of New Jersey. It was formed to give voice to Unitarian Universalist humanitarian values in matters of public policy and public interest in New Jersey. Unitarian Universalist congregations are members of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (http://www.uua.org/). Unitarian Universalists share a belief in principles that form the basis of their core humanitarian values. They are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide. These principles include a belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person; a commitment to justice, equity and compassion in human relations; and the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

The Legal Advocacy Project Supports the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey's Comments Regarding the Proposed Regulations

The UULMNJ is submitting this letter to memorialize its position that it supports the comments contained in the May 12, 2017 submission to you by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey¹ in regard to the proposed Regulations.

If you would like any further comment respecting our position respecting this matter, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST LEGISLATIVE MINISTRY OF NEW JERSE

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¹ For purposes of full disclosure, I also serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of ACLU-NJ. Nevertheless, this letter is solely being submitted in my capacity as the Legal Director of the Legal Advocacy Project of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey.