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Re: Comment on Proposed Amendments to **Court Rule 1:4-9(b) Paper filings.**

Dear Hon. Grant,

I am writing to comment on the Proposed Rule Amendment to R. 1:4-9 regarding paper filings and the requirement for future filings to be "**Only one side of the paper**" instead of both sides of the paper which has been the practice of the Courts for many years.

I wanted to inform you of the great burden and cost this will put on the individuals incarcerated throughout the state of New Jersey.

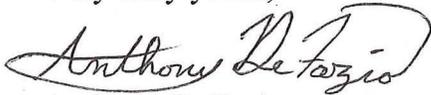
Currently, inmates must pay .10 cents per page for copies, not per side, only the page, so when both sides are utilized the inmate only pays .10 cents. The cost for copies is already higher than that of the public rate of .5 cents for O.P.R.A. documents, now inmates will be forced to pay double for costs of copies.

Further, the mandate of only one side of the paper being used will also put a higher cost of Postage to mail what will be double the paper.

I am an inmate paralegal in Northern State Prison and I can tell you this will have a significant impact upon inmates. Inmates are the majority that will be affected by this change, not the big corporate firms with money to spend. As you may be aware the majority of inmates are indigent and the higher costs that will be imposed upon us should be considered in this matter and this proposed amendment should not be approved.

Thank you for your immediate attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Anthony DeFazio

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