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Dear Judge Sugiyama,

At the meeting last Friday you asked me to send the list of 10 statewide concerns about the Limited Conservatorship System.

I have attached a summary of them for you.

Thank you for your attentiveness and for the thoughtful questions and suggestions you made at the meeting.

As you can see from my statement to the Daily Journal, as reported in today's paper, I continue to believe that a comprehensive review of the system, through a Task Force, is necessary.

I have written a letter to the Chief Justice on this subject, in which I also make a suggestion for an interim step that can be taken to gather additional information about the operation of the Limited Conservatorship System in each county. I will send you a copy of that letter tomorrow. She should receive it by Wednesday.

I will give more thought to your suggestions for mandatory educational programs for judges who hear limited conservatorship cases and for court-appointed attorneys who represent limited conservatees. Perhaps I will be ready to share my ideas with you and with others before the end of this year.

I look forward to working with the Judicial Council as it begins to focus on the systemic and operational problems that have been identified with the Limited Conservatorship System – problems that need to be addressed very soon.

Very truly yours,

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