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ATTACHMENT I

July 12, 2013

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Sections 114 to 134, inclusive, 216, and 217 of House Bill No. 3538, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2014 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements."

These sections increase the compensation of judges and clerk-magistrates throughout our Judicial Branch. I strongly support the purposes of these sections.

These sections, however, will take effect in three steps, finally ending two years from now, on July 1, 2015. I believe this is too long to wait for this important initiative to provide adequate compensation for the Commonwealth's judicial officers, last increased 7½ years ago. Therefore, I propose that the entire increase take effect on January 1, 2014. I am proposing necessary funding for this initiative in the Fiscal Year 2014 supplemental appropriation bill that I am also filing today.

For these reasons, I recommend that Sections 114 to 134, inclusive, 216, and 217 be amended by striking out their text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 1. Section 22 of chapter 211 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure "\$151,239" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$181,239.

SECTION 2. Said section 22 of said chapter 211, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure "\$145,984" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$175,984.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 211A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure "\$140,358" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$170,358.

SECTION 4. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure "\$135,087" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$165,087.

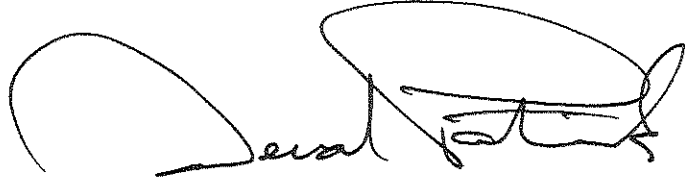
SECTION 5. Section 4 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the figure "\$129,694" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$159,694.

SECTION 6. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 5, the figure "\$135,124" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$165,124.

SECTION 7. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 6, the figure "\$140,358" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$170,358.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. [unclear]", written below the text "Respectfully submitted,".