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Mr. James C. Duff, Director
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Dear Mr. Duff:

I was pleased to see you have recently returned to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Congratulations on your reappointment.

As you might recall, since 2007 I have expressed concern over the technical structure and the fee structure of the PACER system. I believe there is a great deal of room for improvement in how the system is constructed and do not believe that the recent NextGen improvements go nearly far enough. As to the fee structure, I believe it is prohibitive and denies access to the workings of our courts. Access to the workings of our courts is a fundamental underpinning of our system of justice and the rule of law. This is a serious matter and I respectfully submit that the Administrative Office has not given it the consideration it deserves.

You will find enclosed a pamphlet I've written on the subject of PACER which is in part a response to the Year-End Report released by the Chief Justice. You may also find this document online at:

<https://Yo.YourHonor.Org/>

I am planning to be in Washington the week of April 13 to discuss PACER with a number of government officials. I would be very pleased if you would give me a few minutes of your time so we can meet in person.

With best regards,



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