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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable James C. Justice, Governor State of West Virginia 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Governor Justice:

I am writing to ask you to call the Legislature into a special session for the purpose of considering articles of impeachment against former Supreme Court Justice Menis Ketchum.

While the House of Delegates initially focused the impeachment proceedings on sitting justices only, it is clear from the actions in the Senate relating to Justice Robin Davis that this idea no longer holds true.

In my opinion, former Justice Ketchum's admission of guilt to a federal charge of wire fraud most certainly rises to the level of an impeachable offense. As such, the Legislature has a duty to ensure that former Justice Ketchum no longer profits at the expense of the taxpayer – especially in the form of his retirement compensation.

In order to restore the integrity of the court system in our beloved state, we must remain diligent, fair and thorough in our actions.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Roger Hanshaw, Speaker, WV House of Delegates

