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Jeffrey A. Locke, Chief Justice of the Trial Court
John A. Bello, Court Administrator
John Adams Courthouse
One Pemberton Square, 1M
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Chief Justice Locke and Court Administrator Bello,

It has recently been brought to our attention that the Trial Court has decided to increase the salaries of its management staff by 8.5%. It is deeply troubling to the Local and our membership that managers should receive such significant wage increases. These wage adjustments far outpace the wages offered in our most recent round of collective bargaining. As you are likely aware our members are facing astronomical increases to their daily cost of living. This month, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that as of September 2022 the Consumer Price Index shows inflation at a rate 8.1% over the last 12 months in Massachusetts. National trends are similar. These increases in costs are unavoidable for our members as they fall largely in food, energy, heating, gas, and education.

The Local has made appeals both to the Trial Court and to the Legislature to reevaluate the wages provided in the last CBA to address the increased cost of living. Our calls for action have gone unheeded. That there was money available to provide these hefty increases to managers disparages the hard work and dedication of our members. Members who have faced historic workplaces challenges over the past three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They put their health and safety along with that of their families at risk and came up with innovative and resourceful ways to keep the vital services of the Trial Court afloat. This all come at a time when the Commonwealth is reporting large budget surpluses.

We urge you to share the benefits that you saw fit to offer the managers at the Court with our members, your employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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