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July 28, 2026

Hon. John R. Freudenberg
Nebraska Supreme Court
State Capitol, #2210
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Justice Freudenberg:

On behalf of the NSBA Judicial Resources Committee ("the Committee"), I wish to convey to the members of the Judicial Resources Commission our recommendation regarding the vacancy being taken up by the Judicial Resources Commission at their August 14, 2026, hearing.

After reviewing the Judicial Weighted Caseload Reports ("Judicial Workload Assessment") for FY 2025, the Committee concluded that the State's justice system will not have adequate judicial resources available unless the current vacancy is filled expeditiously. Therefore, the Committee recommends declaring a vacancy in the District Court, 11th District, with a primary office location in Lincoln County.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation. Please include this letter with the materials provided to Judicial Resources Commission members before your August 14, 2026, hearing.

Sincerely,

Hon. John M. Gerrard
NSBA President

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