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Re: Endorsement of Opposition to Amendment 3

To Whom It May Concern,

A strong and independent appellate judiciary is critical to the fair and proper administration of justice. The selection of appellate judges based upon merit is a critical component of this system that ensures that the Rule of Law is not corrupted by politics.

For seventy years, Missouri has kept politics out of the selection of its appellate judges through the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan – a plan that serves as a national model. Amendment three alters the carefully crafted balance in the judicial selection commissions and effectively places control of the commissions in the hands of any sitting governor.

I oppose amendment 3 because it undermines the quality of justice every citizen should expect and demand by reintroducing politics to our appellate judicial selection process.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed: 9/11/2012 9:30 AM