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Dear Kansas Municipal Court Judges and Clerks:

As you were earlier informed, the 2010 Kansas Legislature has authorized an increase to the Judicial Branch Surcharge. I have signed the attached order, which is effective April 20, 2010, to implement the provisions of 2010 Senate Substitute for House Bill 2476. This legislation increases the amount of the surcharge that may be assessed by the Court to fund the costs of nonjudicial personnel. Effective April 20, a \$17.50 surcharge is to be added to the \$59 drivers' license reinstatement fee, for a docket fee and surcharge total of \$76.50.

On behalf of the Supreme Court and Judicial Branch employees statewide, I thank you and your staff for your efforts in implementing the surcharge. As you may know, Judicial Branch employees have been placed on involuntary unpaid leave, or furlough, for four days in the current fiscal year because the Judicial Branch budget was not sufficiently funded. Without your efforts in implementing the surcharge, the Judicial Branch budget situation would have been even worse.

I hope that you will share with your staff my sincere gratitude not just for their efforts in implementing the surcharge, but for the important role they serve in the Kansas justice system on a daily basis. I am confident that Judicial Branch staff statewide share these sentiments.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Judicial Administration at (785) 296-2256 if you have any questions about this issue, or if you would like additional information. Again, please give my thanks and best regards to your staff.

Sincerely,

Lawton R. Nuss

Supreme Court Justice

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