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The Honorable Alan Wilson
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Dear Attorney General Wilson:

My staff has collected data on the status of pending DUI/DUAC cases in the summary courts statewide. The data indicates a significant backlog. Accordingly, I am in the process of issuing Orders statewide requiring that all cases pending in excess of sixty days, in the case of a non-jury trial, and one-hundred twenty days, in the case of a jury trial, be disposed or show substantial compliance with the Order within one-hundred twenty days of issuance. I also will send written requests to the circuit and family bench, the Bar, city and county prosecutors, and law enforcement asking for their assistance in this massive undertaking. I am now asking that you also provide similar support in attacking this backlog. I understand that your Office has significantly curtailed prosecuting DUI cases in the summary courts. Given the enormity of this task, your Office may be called upon to provide prosecutors in conflict situations and very possibly otherwise. I simply ask for your cooperation in this endeavor. Further, if you have any suggestions for me concerning this matter, please let me know.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jean Hoefer Toal

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