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The Honorable Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore, North Carolina Senate
Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

The Honorable Joe Hackney Speaker, North Carolina House of Representatives Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

The Honorable Walter Dalton
The Honorable Linda Garrou
The Honorable Kay Hagan
Co-Chairs, Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Alma Adams

The Honorable Martha B. Alexander

The Honorable James W. Crawford

The Honorable R. Phillip Haire

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The Honorable Henry M. Michaux, Jr.

The Honorable Joe P. Tolson

The Honorable Douglas Y. Yongue

Co-Chairs, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Eleanor Kinnaird

The Honorable John Snow

Co-Chairs, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety

The Honorable Alice L. Bordsen

The Honorable Jimmy L. Love, Sr.

Co-Chairs, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety

Re: Court Information Technology Fund

Dear Senators and Representatives:

G.S. 7A-343.2 requires the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to report to you regarding all monies collected and deposited in the Court Information Technology Fund and the proposed expenditure of those funds.

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This letter summarizes 1) the fees and interest collected during July 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, and 2) a report regarding the fund, including a proposed plan for expenditures of additional uncommitted funds.

The table below shows by month the receipts and interest collected July 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007:

COURT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND RECEIPTS BY MONTH, INCLUDING INTEREST COLLECTED JULY 1, 2007– DECEMBER 31, 2007

Month	Monthly Receipts	Interest Collected	Total
July 2007	\$295,441.05	\$29,446.42	\$324,887.47
August 2007*	\$2,229,382.07	\$29,745.58	\$2,259,127.65
September 2007	\$230,948.88	\$30,887.88	\$261,836.76
October 2007	\$432,089.86	\$31,584.72	\$463,674.58
November 2007	\$263,564.55	\$27,055.47	\$290,620.02
December 2007	\$220,779.37	\$23,302.65	\$244,082.02
Totals	\$3,672,205.78	\$172,022.72	\$3,844,228.50

For the monies collected under this fund during July 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, as itemized in the above table, AOC's plans to spend the funds in these major areas:

- Replacement and acquisition of computer equipment, including hardware, software, and information technology services; and
- Receipt-supported personnel for 42 positions previously approved by the legislature. The semi-annual cost of the 31 currently filled positions is approximately \$1,558,366.80.

*Please note that pursuant to S.L. 2007-323 (H1473), \$1,927,647 was placed in this fund for information technology-related projects.

We respectfully submit this report to you. Please do not hesitate to contact Cliff Layman, AOC's Chief Information Officer, or me if we can provide you with any additional information regarding the Court Information Technology Fund.

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