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Representative Joan Ballweg, Chair
Special Committee on Disaster Preparedness Planning
Joint Legislative Council
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Dear Representative Ballweg:

At the request of Chief Justice Abrahamson, I am responding to your letter of January 23, 2007 relating to disaster preparedness planning in the court system.

We currently have a committee that is in the process of formulating legislative recommendations that will clarify the legal authority for the use of videoconferencing in court proceedings. I will ask this committee to consider if legislative changes are necessary to utilize videoconferencing in the event of a pandemic.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. John Voelker".

A. John Voelker
Director of State Courts

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cc: Chief Justice Abrahamson