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Better Courts for Missouri Demands Supreme Court to Stop Stonewalling Sunshine Request

(Jefferson City, MO) – In a letter delivered today, Better Courts for Missouri called on the Missouri Supreme Court and Mr. Thomas F. Simon, Chief Clerk and custodian of records for the Supreme Court, to stop dragging their feet in complying with the organization’s sunshine request for public records relating to the Court’s lobbying campaign against House Joint Resolution 10 and Senate Joint Resolution 9.

“Today we asked Thomas Simon, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court and custodian of records to set aside all server backup tapes to ensure public records are not destroyed. It is our hope that the court will set the example in openness for other government agencies to follow by complying with our reasonable sunshine request,” stated James Harris, Executive Director of Better Courts for Missouri.

Missouri’s Open Records and Meeting Law, better known as the Sunshine Law, applies to all three branches of Missouri government. Better Courts for Missouri urges the Missouri Supreme Court to comply with the recent request, and requests that all information be made available in an expedient manner upon discovery.

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