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Re: Request for an Advisory Opinion

Dear Commission:

I am making a request for an advisory opinion on behalf of the Judges of the Superior Court of Cobb County.

I want to frame the issue by reminding you that everyday Judges receive threats to their families, staff and themselves. Recently one of our Judges had letters put into his mailbox threatening to boil and eat his children. This was covered in the AJC as well as the Marietta Daily Journal. The defendant was caught, tried and went to prison.

Our Sheriff has worked with us to establish security procedures. One aspect is the target hardening of our homes. This request is to determine if we can use funds in our campaign account for home security systems.

System number one is a motion sensor camera array. This consists of cameras, recording device and tie in to the internet for remote viewing. These systems usually cost in the \$2000.00 to \$3000.00 range.

System number two is for a traditional alarm system. This consists of window and door monitors and various other options such as fire, glass breakage, mayday call. This system usually has an equipment cost and a monthly monitoring fee. Systems one and two can be tied together.

Please let us know if this is an acceptable expenditure of funds.

Sincerely,

J. Stephen Schuster

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