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Ms. Sandra Grosko Clerk of Court Supreme Court of Ohio 65 S. Front St. Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Case No. 14-0319, State ex rel. Ohio Civil Service Employees Association et al. v. State of Ohio c/o Mike DeWine et al.

Dear Ms. Grosko,

On January 27, 2015, appellees/cross-appellants, Ohio Civil Service Employees Association et al., filed a request seeking my recusal from Case No. 14-0319, State ex rel. Ohio Civil Service Employees Association et al. v. State of Ohio c/o Mike DeWine et al. Appellees/cross-appellants base their request on statements I made while a candidate for office. The statements reflect my philosophical view that policy-making must stop with the legislature and must not enter my decision-making as a judge. The statements do not reflect bias as to a particular case, issue or party. There being no grounds for recusal, I decline appellees/cross-appellants' request.

Sincerely yours,

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Judith L.

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