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VIA MAIL

The Honorable Howard L. Berman
Chair, House Subcommittee on Courts,
the Internet, and Intellectual Property
2221 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support of Increase in Federal Judicial Compensation

Dear Congressman Berman:

We are writing in support of Chief Justice John Roberts' request, in his year-end report on the Federal Judiciary, that Congress enact a substantial increase in the salaries of federal judges. We agree with Chief Justice Roberts that the condition of federal judicial compensation, dire for years, has reached a "crisis that threatens to undermine the strength and independence of the federal judiciary."

We respectfully urge you to support a prompt, substantial increase in the compensation of federal judges.

Sincerely,


Beatriz Mejia
President of CRLA

cc: Chris Arriola, Esq.