



Federal Bar Association

November 29, 2021

Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: The Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2021 (S. 2340)

Dear Chairman Durbin:

I write to thank you for cosponsoring “The Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2021” (S. 2340). The Federal Bar Association strongly supports this bipartisan legislation and urges the Senate Judiciary Committee to recommend the bill, as filed, favorably to the full Senate at the earliest opportunity.

As the foremost national bar association devoted to the practice of federal law and the vitality of the federal court system, the Federal Bar Association is committed to the safety and protection of the federal judiciary. Our association was instrumental in the passage of the Court Security Improvement of 2007 (Public Law 110-177), and today we call upon Congress to enlarge the safeguards provided for the protection of the federal judiciary under statute.

As you know, S. 2340 would prohibit government agencies from posting personal information about judges on the internet and would authorize a grant program to help state and local governments prevent that information from appearing online. In addition, the bill would protect judges’ personally identifiable information on the internet and provide incentives for states to take similar action. Under the measure, commercial data collectors would be prohibited from selling or purchasing personally identifiable information of federal judges. The bill also would permit injunctive relief and a private right of action if a person or group violates the law.

We believe that Congressional action is appropriate because threats against federal judges have multiplied considerably over the past five years. Access to personally identifiable information on the internet about judges and their families poses a serious problem. The availability on the internet of the home address of United States District Judge Esther Salas contributed to the recent murder of Judge Salas’ son and the critical wounding of her husband at the judge’s home in North Brunswick, New Jersey on July 19. Sadly, the targeted attack on Judge Salas’ family is not an isolated incident. The murders of United States District Judge John Roll (2011), family members of United States District Judge Joan Lefkow (2005), United States Circuit Judge Robert Vance (1989), United States District Judge Richard Daronco (1988), and United States District Judge John Wood (1979) all represent targeted attacks. It is imperative that Congress take action

to help prevent such tragedies and install the necessary safeguards in federal law proposed by S. 2340.

Thank you for your leadership and your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anh Kremer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anh Kremer
National President