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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Schumer, Senator McConnell, Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

We urge you to include the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security Act in the final version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2023. The Daniel Anderl Judicial Security Act enjoys wide bipartisan support with 121 bipartisan cosponsors in the House and 19 in the Senate. This important legislation is named in memory of the 20-year-old son of New Jersey federal judge Esther Salas. Daniel Anderl was fatally shot in July 2020 by a disgruntled litigant who found the judge’s personal information on the internet and showed up at the family’s home posed as a deliveryman. The bill would help protect federal judges from unprovoked attacks by making it easier to keep personal identifiable information about themselves and their families private.

We represent associations of attorneys, who rely on an independent and impartial federal judiciary to protect the rights of our clients, and judicial security ensures judicial independence. Due to the dramatic increase in threats against federal judges in recent years, it is imperative that Congress enact these provisions without delay. We were heartened by Congress’ prompt attention to the recent threats to Supreme Court Justices, and we urge you to give similar consideration to the rest of the federal judiciary.

The Daniel Anderl Judicial Security Act would cover active, senior, recalled, or retired federal judges and their immediate families and would provide assistance to federal, state, and local governments in removing or preventing the release of personal information. It is narrowly tailored and includes a number of exceptions, striking a balance between the need for judicial security with First Amendment concerns and the public's interest in transparency.

The bill is included in the substitute amendment to the NDAA (H.R. 7900) that is pending before the Senate. We respectfully ask that the bill be included in the final NDAA bill passed by Congress.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. If you have questions, please contact Federal Bar Association Executive Director Stacy King at [sking@fedbar.org](mailto:sking@fedbar.org).

Sincerely,

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American Board of Trial Advocates

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