



# Federal Bar Association

November 14, 2025

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairs Collins and Cole and Ranking Members Murray and DeLauro:

Now that the shutdown has ended, I am writing again on behalf of the 19,000 members of the Federal Bar Association (FBA), including more than 2,000 federal judges and magistrate judges, to urge Congress to finalize the FY 2026 Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) and Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) appropriations bills as soon as possible. Prompt passage is necessary to avoid further adverse impacts to courts' functioning and to the security of our judges resulting from continued operations constrained by FY 2024 spending levels.

The FBA appreciates your past support for the federal judiciary. The FBA also very much appreciates the additional funds Congress has provided for Supreme Court Justices' security but would emphasize the need to take further action to protect *all* federal judges and their families in light of the very concerning, dramatic increase in threats to our judiciary in recent years. Providing funding to implement the Daniel A. Claitor Judicial Security and Privacy Act grant program Congress authorized in 2022 would be a tremendous step in this direction; consequently, the FBA urges Congress to provide \$10 million for this program, as set forth in the Senate's FY 2026 CJS bill. Regarding the federal Judiciary's overall budget, the FBA hopes you will be able to provide the full \$9.4 billion in discretionary spending, including at least \$1.766 billion for Defender Services, as requested in the President's Budget.

Thank you for taking into consideration the indispensable role the federal judiciary plays in assuring adherence to the Constitution and our laws and preserving a just and healthy society as you prioritize where and how to spend our federal dollars.

Sincerely,

Stacy King  
Chief Executive Officer

CC: The Honorable Bill Hagerty, Chair  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
The Honorable Jack Reed, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
The Honorable Dave Joyce, Chair  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
The Honorable Steny Hoyer, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
The Honorable Jerry Moran, Chair  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science  
The Honorable Chris Van Hollen, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science  
The Honorable Hal Rogers, Chair  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science  
The Honorable Grace Meng, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science