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Dear Juror,

On behalf of the Superior Court Judges of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, I am writing this letter to each juror that has been summoned for upcoming jury trial calendars. Since March 2020, jury trials in Georgia have been on hold due to the COVID-19 virus. We made that decision to protect our citizens from the virus, but it was not an easy call to make. The right to a jury trial is fundamental to the American system of justice. Our constitution requires that trials be conducted without unnecessary delay.

Like you, we want to keep ourselves and our families safe during this pandemic, so we have been working with medical experts to establish rigorous safety protocols for our courthouse, courtrooms, and jury spaces before resuming jury trials. Masks are required inside the courthouses, temperatures of all those entering the building will be scanned, and plenty of hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the buildings. Social distancing will be observed throughout the entire process.

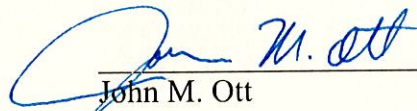
With these protocols established, we need to get back to the business of justice. That's where you come in. Every citizen in our county is critical to the process. We cannot conduct jury trials without jurors. It is our expectation that you will reply to this summons and do your civic duty, as there is no justice without jurors. We want you to know that we will do everything we can to keep you and your loved ones as safe as we can, while you serve.

A detailed plan has been created for the resumption of jury trials and is available for you to review on our website at www.alcovycircuit.com. Additionally, you may watch a special Public Service Announcement video that we created for you by opening your camera app on

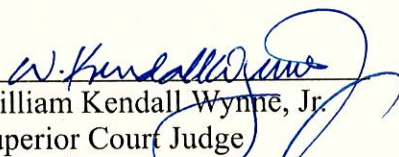
your smartphone and capturing this QR code. This video will also be available on our website if you choose to view it there. We look forward to seeing you soon.



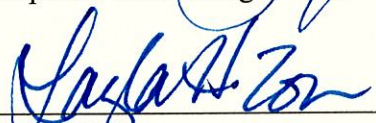
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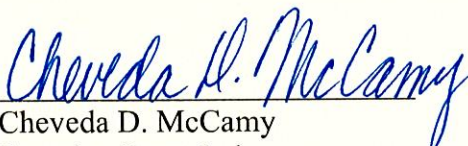
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