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The Honorable Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court
200 West Washington Street
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Chief Justice Rush,

As you're aware, Indiana Code § 33-38-5-8.1 establishes the framework for implementing salary increases for judges and justices. More specifically, subsection (b) provides:

The percentage by which salaries are increased in a state fiscal year under this section is equal to the statewide average percentage, as determined by the budget director, by which the salaries of state employees in the executive branch who are in the same or a similar salary bracket exceed, for the state fiscal year, the salaries of executive branch state employees in the same or a similar salary bracket that were in effect on July 1 of the immediately preceding state fiscal year.

Having reviewed the relevant data provided by the State Personnel Department, I have determined the average salary increase for executive branch state employees in the same or similar salary bracket as judges and justices was 0%, which is consistent with the executive branch General Salary Adjustment of the same percentage.

As always, I appreciate our ongoing partnership in this matter as well as the time your staff has dedicated to ensuring the faithful implementation of this process each year.

If I can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Chad E. Ranney
State Budget Director

cc: Lisa Hershman, Secretary of Management and Budget