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To the Honorable Michigan Supreme Court

I read with interest a short article in the Detroit Free Press concerning a potential rule allowing standing local courthouse security committees, and have to say I am strongly in favor of such committees not only being formed, but being mandated to meet regularly and have some oversight when it comes to implementation of suggestions.

I am somewhat of an end user. I am a court security officer in a smaller district courthouse in suburban Grand Rapids. I have had this job since the court decided to have security officers present, as we were the last district court in the area to enact more stringent security measures.

I also have the dubious honor of working during a courthouse shooting, which cost the 61st District the Honorable Carol Irons. I was dispatching one floor below that incident, and dealt with the panic of the court workers, the resulting shootout with my officers and the aftermath that haunted our Hall of Justice for months.

I, and my six co-workers (all retired officers) would be directly affected by any increase in security measures undertaken, and welcome the opportunity to potentially have our voices heard in the field that we know all too well.

My request of this august body would be to specify current security staff as part of the “other users of the building” clause mentioned in the Free Press. This would encourage the committee to seek our input.

Our goal is to safeguard our judges, clerks and the citizens that have business with the court. With that in mind, it is an unrealistic view to assume “oh, we're a small court, it could never happen here”. I've unfortunately seen it first hand and know that it can.

Please enact this rule and strongly urge ALL courts to undertake the formation of a courthouse security committee with all due haste.

Very Truly Yours,

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