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Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts
Rules Comments
Hughes Justice Complex
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Trenton, N.J. 08625-0037

Dear Judge Grant,

On behalf of the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ), I am writing to reaffirm our support of the amendments to the New Jersey Rules of Evidence ("N.J.R.E.") proposed by the New Jersey Lawsuit Reform Alliance.

Our association reviewed the report issued by the Evidence Committee and its request for guidance from the Supreme Court on this issue. We appreciate that the committee acknowledged our support of the amendments in its report and we now urge the court to endorse them.

As a business advocacy organization representing more than 950 New Jersey corporations from every business sector, the CIANJ is especially concerned about predictability and consistency in civil litigation. Expert testimony has become an increasingly important factor in the courtroom and often has a profound effect in persuading juries and influencing verdicts. As a result, it is critically important that the rules governing expert testimony be consistent, and that they be based on sound scientific principles and reliable methodology.

The proposed amendments would ensure that unreliable evidence and "junk science" do not taint the jury. They would improve the quality of expert testimony presented to jurors and enhance the predictability and fairness of the courts. We look forward to the adoption of the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,


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President