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Hon. Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts
Rules Comments
Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 037
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0037

Re: Proposed Amendments to N.J.R.E. 104 and 702

Dear Judge Grant:

On behalf of the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey ("HINJ"), I write in support of amendments to New Jersey Rules of Evidence ("N.J.R.E.") 104 and 702 governing the admissibility of expert testimony that were proposed to the Supreme Court by the New Jersey Lawsuit Reform Alliance ("NJLRA") by letter dated April 26, 2013.

As an organization representing research-based biopharmaceutical and medical technology companies with a presence in New Jersey, we share NJLRA's goal that the standards governing the evaluation of expert testimony in civil litigation be clear, predictable and consistent, in order that the testimony presented is based on sound scientific principles and reliable methodology. We therefore encourage adoption of NJLRA's proposed amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean J. Paranicas", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dean J. Paranicas
President and Chief Executive Officer