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Kim Dressel
Director, Department of Management Services
Leon County Courthouse, Suite 202
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Dear Ms. Dressel:

As previously discussed, the 2d Judicial Circuit strongly supports the ongoing renovations in the Leon County Courthouse and Bank of America Building. These renovations will result in more badly needed space for our court operations and the public who attend our hearings. Last year, this courthouse had almost 600,000 visitors, many of them attending court or doing business with the Clerk of Court. In the four years since I have been court administrator, we have added six judges and hearing officers, but not one additional courtroom in the Leon County Courthouse. We expect another new judgeship to be granted by the 2006 Florida Legislature.

We look forward to the execution of Phase III renovations. These renovations involve management services, the county attorney, and human resources moving out of this building. This will allow the court to receive an additional courtroom and two hearing rooms. This will also allow space to create a secure corridor for the safe transit of judges, hearing officers, and prisoners to the various courtrooms. We greatly appreciate all that the County Commission and you have done to help satisfy our space needs. All we ask is that you stay the course.

Sincerely,

Grant Slayden
Trial Court Administrator
2d Judicial Circuit

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CC: Patsy Williams, Chief of Staff
Bill Wills, Trial Court Marshal