

April 5, 2017

The Honorable John J. Russo
Administrative and Presiding Judge
Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court
1200 Ontario Street, 16-D
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

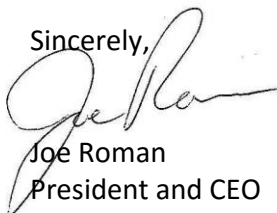
Dear Judge Russo:

On behalf of the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP), one of the largest private sector economic development organizations in Ohio, we strongly support and encourage the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court take action to restore the commercial docket in Cuyahoga County.

The commercial docket was created to resolve business related disputes in a more efficient and consistent manner. GCP was supportive of the creation of this important resource in our community. Efficiency and consistency are critical for businesses intersecting with the court system. The commercial docket provided a streamlined process that made Cuyahoga County a more attractive location for businesses looking to expand or relocate. This in turn supported our economic development efforts on behalf of the region. It also makes our Court a better venue for cases to be brought, again adding to our economic vitality.

We know the commercial docket accomplished its objective, and with the recent and appropriate Supreme Court rule change, we hope you and your colleagues will support its full reinstatement. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you further about this issue. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joe Roman
President and CEO