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Alan D. Sugarman  
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Dear Mr. Sugarman:

At its meeting in December, members of the Court Administration and Case Management (CACM) Committee received copies of your letters. The Committee discussed your concerns that courts were not appropriately designating documents as written opinions, as well as your request that the Judiciary provide more consistent, complete, and direct access to opinions in district and bankruptcy courts. As part of its discussion, the Committee was informed that the Administrative Office's Electronic Public Access Working Group has requested further analysis of courts' designation of filings as "written opinions." The Committee also plans to review this analysis when it is finished, and, if appropriate, may consider suggestions to ensure that courts appropriately designate written opinions.

Additionally, the Electronic Public Access Working Group requested that the Administrative Office explore methods to provide easier access to district and bankruptcy court opinions, as part of an assessment of Electronic Public Access services, which is

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scheduled to commence in January 2009. The Committee expects to receive an update on this issue, and possible recommendations, at its December 2009 meeting.

I appreciate your patience as the Judiciary considers these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Tunheim". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "T".

John R. Tunheim

cc: Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman  
Honorable Susan M. Collins  
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