

National Association of Government Employees

AFFILIATED WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

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John Bello, Trial Court Administrator John Adams Courthouse One Pemberton Square, 1M Boston, MA 02108

Dear Administrator Bello:

In a letter dated March 22, 2022, I wrote to you to formally request that we re-open the wage portion of the recently negotiated and ratified collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between NAGE and the Trial Court. To date, I have not received a response to that letter. I am writing again to reiterate that request, as I have done with Governor Baker (see letter attached).

In our previous letter, we cited extraordinary revenue improvements, as well as historically high inflation, as justification for significant improvements in cost-of-living adjustments. Those conditions have only become more acute, with revenue running at record highs and inflation continuing unabated. With raises at 2% per year, your workers are continuing to lose ground in dramatic measure.

After years of falling behind, you have a unique opportunity, given the states access to once in a lifetime funds, to ensure that our Trial Court workforce is truly whole and adequately compensated. I urge your strong consideration of this request, and your support in working with Governor Baker to move this process forward. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and look forward to your response so that we may work quickly to reevaluate and adjust the salaries of our workers to more appropriate levels.

Sincerely,

David J. Holway National President