As President of the American Judges Association, I commend your editorial entitled “Judicial funding requests reasonable.” As your editorial pointed out, funding for your Probate Court Guardianship program and funding for Judicial Education are both important and of great benefit to the people in your jurisdiction. Most states require continuing judicial or legal education in order for a Judge to retain his or her position. The true beneficiaries of the education are the people served by that Judge. Classes or “degrees” from the National Judicial College or associations such as the American Judges Association do not increase the salary or enhance a Judge’s chance at promotion. These classes make you a better educated Judge and an educated Judge is in everyone’s best interest.

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