

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**  
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CHAMBERS OF  
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CHIEF JUDGE

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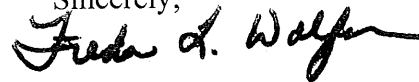
Dear Prospective Jurors,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Chief Judge of the District of New Jersey. Given the circumstances in New Jersey with respect to COVID-19, understandably, many of you have concerns about appearing for jury duty in a public courthouse. First, you can rest assured that the Court is constantly and vigilantly monitoring the situation, and will take the appropriate steps to make any changes to jury duty if necessary. At this time, based upon the information we currently have and the preventive measures we have taken, our courts are still functioning in order to perform our constitutional duties of serving the public. That is why we continue to need jurors like you to participate in our justice system.

However, we are also aware that some of you may have medical issues that may impact your ability to serve on a jury, particularly in light of COVID-19. As such, when you respond to your summons requesting to be excused based on a medical reason, a doctor's note excusing you from jury service must accompany your request. A general statement that you do not wish to appear because of COVID-19 will not suffice.

I appreciate everyone's cooperation, especially during this time. Again, without you serving one of the most important civic duties, our courts will not be able to function.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  


Freda L. Wolfson  
U.S. Chief District Judge