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The Honorable Jay Nixon
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Dear Mr. Nixon:

Thank you for your June 26 letter in which you requested that I consider calling a special session to address aspects of the administration of the Second Injury Fund. As with all constituent requests, I will consider this carefully.

The question of Second Injury Fund solvency and efficiency is not limited, however, to a consideration of recent Missouri Supreme Court decisions. As such, you, as the lawyer for the Second Injury Fund, are uniquely positioned to assist me in considering your request for a special session. Specifically, you can shed light on the explosive growth in payouts from the Fund since you took over the fund in 1993. As you are well aware, payouts from the Fund have increased from $7.4 million in 1993 to $63.8 million in 2006.

In order to fully consider your request, with this letter, I am requesting that you provide two specific sets of data to me as quickly as possible so that I may properly consider your request:

- First, please provide the names and addresses of all trial law firms with which you settled Second Injury Fund cases for which these firms represented clients. Please include the amounts of these settlements and any fees paid to the lawyers involved. I - like most Missourians - have become concerned that trial lawyers are receiving large fees while their clients are getting less.

- Second, please provide a list of the cases that you have been unable to settle and that have gone to contested litigation. Please include this list as a percentage of all cases that you have handled as lawyer for the Second Injury Fund.

By early August, I will be receiving the actuarial study of the Second Injury Fund by PriceWaterhouseCoopers. If you will send me your data by August 1, I will consider it along with the actuarial study and the recent work of the Interim House Committee on the Second

Injury Fund chaired by Representative Steve Hunter. All of this will help in considering whether a special session is appropriate.

Please send this data to my chief of staff, Ed Martin.

Sincerely,

Matt Blunt