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Dear Mr. Edgar

I have received your letter of December 22, 2008, in which you advised me of the decision of Chief Justice Mulligan to reduce the current mileage reimbursement rate of \$.45 per mile to \$.30 per mile effective on January 5, 2009.

Section 12.03 of the collective bargaining agreement between NAGE and the Trial Court establishes the appropriate mileage reimbursement rate for members of the bargaining unit covered by that agreement, and in accordance with Section 12.03, subsection A, the mileage reimbursement rate was increased to \$.40 per mile effective 11/1/05, and earlier this year it was increased to \$.45 per mile under Section 12.03, subsection C, to reflect the higher rate established by the Commissioner of Administration pursuant to his authority under M.G.L.c. 30, s. 25.

If the Trial Court does, in fact, lower the current mileage reimbursement rate, that action will violate the collective bargaining agreement between the parties, and NAGE will be forced to grieve the Trial Court's action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Bernard", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

David Bernard  
Trial Court Director

cc: Richard H. Anderson, Jr.