Committee Members,

I am writing about my experiences in the last two years with our legal and justice systems which affected me profoundly. I was made aware of the corruption and dishonesty with which we citizens may be treated and have been uncomfortable ever since.

I was given a traffic ticket and finding it unfair contested in court. When the officer stopped me he cited my speed, he filed a different speed with the Prosecutor's Office, another speed with the Burien Police Office, and yet another speed in court. I made a complaint against the officer at the County level, and with encouragement from staff refiled my complaint. I also filed a complaint at the county level against the judge for allowing the officer to lie and not allowing me to speak. I also filed a complaint with the Commission on Judicial Conduct because the officer had lied in court and I felt both the judge and officer were at fault. All responses I received from these complaints denied my claim citing no evidence, although there are three differing speeds on record, and my word. I would not have put myself through the time and stress of contesting the ticket, my first experience in court in my 77 years, if I had been driving the speed the officer cited in court.

I am glad you are meeting to discuss these important issues.

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