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JAMES C. DUFF
Secretary

April 24, 2008

Honorable Frank R. Wolf
Member
United States House of Representatives
241 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Wolf:

On behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the policy-making body for the Federal Judiciary, I am writing to express the support of the Judiciary for changes to improve the crediting of unused sick leave for employees who retire under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS).

Consistent with the experience across the federal government, the Judiciary has found that FERS employees tend to use sick leave at a higher rate than their counterparts under the Civil Service Retirement System. This situation may be an unintended consequence of the decision to exclude credit for unused sick leave at retirement under FERS.

The bill that you have sponsored on this subject (H.R. 5573) is a significant advance toward resolving this issue, and we would welcome the opportunity to provide comments or advice from the perspective of the Judiciary as the bill proceeds through the House of Representatives.

Our point of contact on this matter is Cordia A. Strom, Assistant Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, at 202-502-1700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Duff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

James C. Duff
Secretary

cc: Linda M. Springer, Director
U.S. Office of Personnel Management

Identical letter sent to: Honorable Thomas M. Davis
Honorable James P. Moran