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Mr. Joao Vieira
5733 Heatherwood Court
New Market, MD 21774

Re: FY 20-022 Unknown Judge/Vieira

Dear Mr. Vieira:

The Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities ("Commission") has received your correspondence containing allegations against an unknown judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County.

Based on a review of the materials you have provided, your correspondence is not a cognizable complaint because the allegations, liberally construed, did not include any facts that, if true, would constitute sanctionable conduct on the part of an unknown judge pursuant to Maryland Rule 18-421(b). **Please provide us with the name of the judge whom you are filing the complaint against.** If you have additional information in support of the allegations, please submit it in writing within the next 30 days either by mail to the address above or by email to commJD@mdcourts.gov.

Please note that the Commission does not have the authority to change, modify, or reverse a judge's decision in a case. Please also note that investigations conducted by this office are required by law to be confidential. As such, we are precluded from providing any information regarding the investigation of your complaint to you or to any other member of the public. After the investigation is completed and reviewed by the Commission, you will be notified of its decision.

For further information regarding the Commission, its procedures, and related laws, please refer to the Commission's website at www.mdcourts.gov/cjd/index.html.

Sincerely,

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