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Rules Committee of the Superior Court
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State of Connecticut Judicial Branch
100 Washington Street, Third Floor
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Rule Proposed by Jury Selection Task Force and Justice Robinson

Dear Members of the Rules Committee:

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the rule proposed by the Jury Selection Task Force and Justice Robinson.

The proposed rule change presents an opportunity to continue the repairs to our jury system envisioned in *State v. Holmes*, 334 Conn. 202 (2019), and developed by the Jury Selection Task Force. The Connecticut Trial Lawyers association strongly supports both the *Holmes* vision and its implementation through this proposed rule change. Ending the wrongful exclusion of persons of color from jury service is crucial to the wellbeing of our judicial system.

Sincerely,



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