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Lynn A. Marks, Esq.  
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Dear Lynn:

On behalf of the 12,000-member Philadelphia Bar Association, we extend our sincere congratulations for being selected by the Pennsylvania Bar Association as keynote speaker for its Civil Litigation Section Philadelphia Regional Dinner, recognizing your 25 years of dedicated service to our legal community as Executive Director of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts.

Your visionary leadership has helped ensure that all Pennsylvanians can come to our courts with confidence that they will be heard by qualified, fair and impartial judges. Through your tireless efforts identifying and speaking out on issues that impact the public's confidence in our courts, you have elevated the important role of court reform advocates and organizations nationwide.

For decades, the Philadelphia Bar Association has worked alongside Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts and like-minded groups in supporting legislative efforts to replace partisan judicial elections with a merit selection system for appellate courts in Pennsylvania. We are now closer than ever to that goal, due in part to the energy and commitment you have brought to this critical work.

Under your leadership, PMC has also significantly expanded its mission by seeking to improve and strengthen the justice system in Pennsylvania through new program areas including successful public education activities such as Juror Appreciation Day.

We applaud your work championing justice for all Pennsylvanians over the past quarter century, and wish you every success as you embark on your next chapter.

Sincerely,

Gaetan J. Alfano, Esq.  
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