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MEMORANDUM

TO: Blount County Budget Committee

FROM: Kenlyn Foster, Judge, General Sessions Court, Division II / Juvenile Court

DATE: January 5, 2021

RE: Request for budget increase

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Due to Magistrate Dianne E. Lashmit's ongoing cancer treatment, to the backlog of cases due to the State Supreme Court's two-time suspension of in-person court hearings, and to the increase in child abuse/domestic violence cases resulting from the pandemic, we require a part-time Magistrate Judge to preside over cases within the time required by law.