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Dear Colleagues:

I must cancel the second week of the November, 2020 Criminal Trial Term which would ordinarily have begun on Monday, November 16, 2020. An order will be issued shortly. In cancelling the term, I acknowledge the extraordinary effort and dedication of our administrative staff in the development and implementation of several precautionary measures designed to allow us to still have a criminal trial term.

The reason for the cancellation is because of the spike in COVID infections. The highly contagious nature of this disease is so insidious as to compel that we act with the utmost caution. In consultation with our staff, I have reviewed graphs and other data that clearly demonstrate that the infection rate has increased considerably in the last few months and is expected to remain high, if not escalate, as we move into the winter months.

My thanks to all of you for your continued perseverance in addressing this challenge.

Thank you,

John F. Spataro, P.J.