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Dear Juror,

You are now a juror for a very important trial. Throughout the proceedings you will see first-hand our courts at work. As a juror you will ensure that integrity, equality, and fairness remain cornerstones of our judicial system.

The judge, division clerks, jury commissioner, and other judicial branch staff will help to make certain that the trial runs smoothly and that you receive the support you need to do this very important job. Court staff will strive to make jury service a positive experience.

Recognizing the importance of jury service, the state legislature has enacted statutes governing the rights and obligations of both employers and employees when an employee has jury duty.

Briefly summarized, these statutes require employers to pay the employee juror regular wages, up to \$50 per day, for the first three days of the employee's jury service. In addition, employers cannot threaten, coerce, or discharge an employee for reporting for jury duty as summoned.

The Colorado Judicial Branch has created a pamphlet to explain the rights and obligations for both employers and employees in the jury service context. The pamphlet is available online at: <u>https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/File/Media/Brochures/jurysystem(1).pdf</u>

I understand that our jurors are pulled from otherwise hectic and busy lives. Jury service is a sacrifice for an important cause— you, as a juror, are the foundation of our system of justice. We truly appreciate your service. Thank you for participating in this process.

Sincerely,

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