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After reviewing the standards as they shall be proposed to the Licensing and Regulatory Authority, and discussing this topic with various colleagues, it is apparent that the standards will impose undue financial hardship on many of the cash strapped cities and townships across the State of Michigan. In my opinion, if the MIDC is intent on making District and other Michigan Courts accountable for "Counsel and First Appearance and other Critical Stages" the best practice would be for the MIDC to utilize their regional offices and set up some sort of remote counsel system. This would take the pressure off courts financially and logistically as each region of the MIDC would be responsible for adhering to the standards. Instead of asking the courts to follow a set of standards that will make daily operation difficult, the onus is instead placed on the MIDC to be in full compliance and to assume the costs of this endeavor. The MIDC, in turn, can recruit and maintain a capable staff of counselors that will be available as required. This shift would alleviate cities and townships of the financial burden the standards impose and place the burden on the State of Michigan and the MIDC.

Sincerely,

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