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SUPPORT H.R. 4145

SPEECH OF

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOWRY of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my support for H.R. 4145, the State Justice Institute Act, would establish a State Justice Institute to help strengthen and improve State and local judicial systems. This legislation offers a cost-effective way to improve these systems and to aid Congress as it considers legislation that would affect State courts.

As a Representative from the State of Washington, I would also like to note that Chief Justice Robert F. Utter of our State supreme court has taken an active role on this issue, and testified in support of the legislation on behalf of the Conference of Chief Justices of the States. His advice and comments on the legislation have been most helpful.

I would like to express my thanks to the chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice, Mr. Kastenmeier. I appreciate his efforts on H.R. 4145, and I urge the House to adopt it.