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To whom it may concern,

The proposal to have jurors acknowledge their own "implicit bias" ,in my opinion, effectually creates a political loyalty test for serving as a juror in New Jersey, as under the proposed language a juror must acknowledge the progressive-left theory of implicit bias as undisputed fact.

Particularly problematic is the following language " . . .To do so, jurors need to acknowledge their own implicit or unconscious biases so as to not be affected by them during the trial and jury deliberations."

The absurdity of the court forcing a juror to acknowledge something they are, by nature unaware of, as a condition of jury service goes against the very concepts of impartial justice upon which the court is founded. How can one acknowledge a trait that is "unconscious" and therefore imperceptible? In my opinion the court would be abridging liberty of thought by requiring potential jurors to confess to a "thought crime" disturbingly reminiscent of George Orwell's 1984.

In furtherance of eliminating bias, the court seeks to engage in the unfortunate substitution of liberty of thought, with loss of diversity of thought among jurors. This may well lead to juries that are devoid of diversity of opinion, limited only to those citizens who ascribe to a narrow progressive-left world-view wherein the theory of implicit bias is accepted as fact.

How litigants are supposed to achieve justice from jurors operating under court imposed group-think escapes me. I urge the court to reconsider this ill-conceived proposal and preserve diversity of thought and opinion among jurors.

Respectfully,

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