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**Subject**  
Open letter of the BJA

Dear colleagues,

We became acquainted with your open letter in relation to the constitutional reform with regard to the judicial system. We would like to assure you of our support to your efforts to promote the firm embedding of the Rule of Law in your legal system as the Rule of Law constitutes one of the core elements of a democratic society as well as one of the basic values of the member states of the European Union. Ensuring compliance with the Rule of Law is pivotal to judicial cooperation in the European Union. Your efforts in this field are not only of interest to the Bulgarian people but are also of direct concern to the courts in the other Member States. We have sympathy for your effort to make the Bulgarian people aware of the paramount importance of of judicial independence and the absolute necessity of supremacy of the Rule of Law.

If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,  
on behalf on the board of the Dutch Association for the Judiciary

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