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July 21, 2017

Hon. Jay Obernolte
Member of Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4116
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 1450 (Obernolte), as amended June 19, 2017 – Support

Dear Assembly Member Obernolte:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1450, which requires court reporters to provide transcripts to appellate courts, parties, or any other person entitled to a transcript in an electronic format that complies with the California Rules of Court, unless a paper copy is requested. AB 1450 also provides a five-year grace period for courts and reporters to modernize their equipment and overall technical abilities.

The Judicial Council believes this will be an efficiency for courts throughout the state by bringing court transcripts into the digital age. Allowing the use of electronic transcripts benefits the courts, court reporters, and all interested parties.

We appreciate the time your office and the sponsors spent working with us to develop a bill that is workable and beneficial for all parties.

Hon. Jay Obernolte

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1450.

Sincerely,

Mailed on July 21, 2017

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cc: Mr. Ignacio Hernandez, California Court Reporters Association
Mr. Daniel Seeman, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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September 15, 2017

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 1450 (Oberholte) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 1450, which generally requires court reporters to provide transcripts to appellate courts, parties, or any other person entitled to a transcript in an electronic format. AB 1450 also provides a five-year grace period to modernize equipment, allowing both courts and court reporters to prepare for this transition.

The council has been working with other stakeholders for multiple years to craft the compromise before you that is workable for and beneficial to all parties. This will be an efficiency for courts throughout the state by bringing court transcripts into the digital age. Allowing the use of electronic transcripts benefits the courts, court reporters, and all interested parties, while still allowing those without sufficient access to digital technology, such as incarcerated inmates, to obtain necessary trial transcripts.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 1450.

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Alan Herzfeld at 916-323-3121.

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