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Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 156 (Committee on Budget) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 156, which repeals current language prohibiting the issuance of certificates by the Court Reporters Board for individuals who practice shorthand reporting by means of voice writing, and establishes procedures for licensing and certification of voice writers in California to create verbatim records of court proceedings.

The Judicial Council has consistently engaged in policy discussions about court reporting and court reporters in California, including with bills from as far back as the 1980s. The council's engagement in these issues generally points to the fact that the courts and council have remained consistent in identifying the need for flexibility, innovation and funding in order to help achieve the Legislature's policy goal of generating a verbatim transcript from all court proceedings.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 156.

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

Sincerely,

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Director, Governmental Affairs

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cc: Hon. Phil Ting, Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget
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