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Hon. Ken Cooley
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 330 (Cooley), as amended March 20, 2017 – Support
Hearing: Assembly Public Safety Committee – April 25, 2017

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 330, which authorizes a court to order a person convicted of a DUI to enroll and participate in, and successfully complete, a qualified "24/7 Sobriety program," as defined, as a condition of probation, parole, sentence, or work permit, if the program is available and deemed appropriate, and the person committed the crime within 10 years of one or more separate crimes described above that resulted in a conviction.

The Judicial Council supports AB 330 because it enhances judicial discretion by providing courts with another alternative to sentencing in DUI cases. The council believes that 24/7 monitoring programs, which require a person in the program to abstain from alcohol and to submit to frequent testing for alcohol and controlled substances are an effective tool for reducing recidivism in individuals convicted of DUIs. Moreover, by requiring the methodology for the program to be "evidence-based," AB 330 is consistent with other programs designed to reduce recidivism.

In supporting AB 330, the council urges that funding be made available to ensure that all eligible individuals are able to participate in those programs, and not just those who are able to pay for the costs of 24/7 sobriety monitoring programs, to ensure full and equal access to the programs for all eligible individuals.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 330.

Sincerely,

Mailed on May 3, 2017

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cc: Mr. Daniel Seeman, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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