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June 21, 2010

Hon. Ellen Corbett, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5108  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1749 (Lowenthal), as amended April 27, 2010 – Support  
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 29, 2010

Dear Senator Corbett:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1749 (Lowenthal), which would bring employees of the judicial branch within the protections of the California Whistleblower Protection Act (CWPA), because it will promote transparency and accountability within the branch in a manner that appropriately acknowledges the integrity and independence of the judicial branch. As recently amended, AB 1749 will ensure that all branch employees can safely report improper governmental activity without fear of reprisal. One of the primary objectives of the CWPA is to promote efficiency in government and deter public entities from engaging in economically wasteful activity. The courts and the AOC are entrusted with a significant share of state taxpayer dollars, and it is appropriate that judicial branch entities are held accountable for their expenditure of those funds in a manner analogous to the other branches. AB 1749 will promote that result and ensure that there is no appearance that judicial branch expenditures are lacking in accountability or transparency.

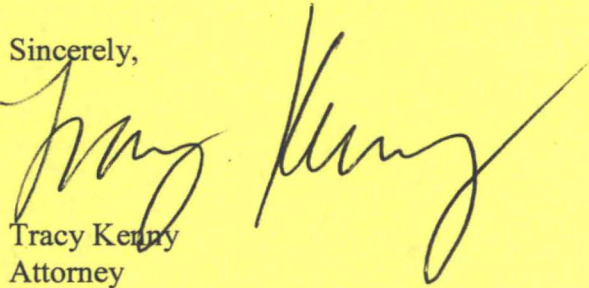


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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1749.

Sincerely,

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Tracy Kenney  
Attorney

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cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee

Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal, Member of the Assembly

Ms. Kathy Banuelos, Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee

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August 11, 2010

Hon. Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1749 (Lowenthal) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1749 (Lowenthal), which would bring employees of the judicial branch within the protections of the California Whistleblower Protection Act (CWPA), because it will promote transparency and accountability within the branch in a manner that appropriately acknowledges the integrity and independence of the judicial branch. AB 1749 will ensure that all branch employees can safely report improper governmental activity without fear of reprisal. One of the primary objectives of the CWPA is to promote efficiency in government and deter public entities from engaging in economically wasteful activity. The courts and the AOC are entrusted with a significant share of state taxpayer dollars, and it is appropriate that judicial branch entities are held accountable for their expenditure of those funds in a manner analogous to the other branches. AB 1749 will promote that result and ensure that there is no appearance that judicial branch expenditures are lacking in accountability or transparency.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 1749.

Sincerely,

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Tracy Koeny  
Attorney

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cc: Bonnie Lowenthal, Member of the Assembly

Mr. Aaron Maguire, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor

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April 15, 2010

Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5158  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1749 (Lowenthal), as amended April 5, 2010 – Support  
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – April 20, 2010

Dear Assembly Member Lowenthal:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1749 (Lowenthal), which would bring employees of the judicial branch within the protections of the California Whistleblower Protection Act (CWPA), because it will promote transparency and accountability within the branch in a manner that appropriately acknowledges the integrity and independence of the judicial branch. As recently amended, AB 1749 will ensure that all branch employees can safely report improper governmental activity without fear of reprisal. One of the primary objectives of the CWPA is to promote efficiency in government and deter public entities from engaging in economically wasteful activity. The courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts are entrusted with a significant share of state taxpayer dollars, and it is appropriate that judicial branch entities are held accountable for their expenditure of those funds in a manner analogous to the other branches. AB 1749 will promote that result and ensure that there is no appearance that judicial branch expenditures are lacking in accountability or transparency.



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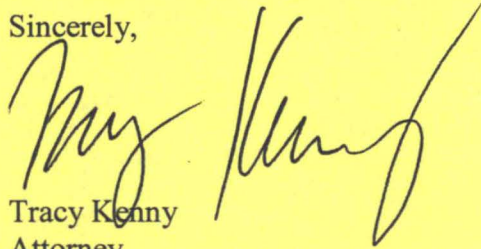
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Sincerely,

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Tracy Kleny  
Attorney

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