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

Subjects: Senate Bill X2 12 (Steinberg) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

With your support and assistance, last year SB 1407 (Perata) was enacted, creating the framework for the issuance of \$5 billion in lease-revenue bonds for the most critically needed courthouse construction and renovation projects throughout the state. SB 1407 established the single largest courthouse construction project in our history. But it was only the first step. SBX2 12 allows us to move these projects forward.

As you noted when you signed the bill, SB 1407 will create thousands of jobs for Californians. In addition, it will also bring hundreds of millions of dollars in goods and services to the state. SBX2 12 will help us realize those goals. SBX2 12 allows us to expedite the construction of these court facilities by eliminating unnecessary delays in moving from one project phase to the next, and allowing us to begin the process immediately. Furthermore, this bill will give the Judicial Council the needed flexibility to take advantage of local land donations or other opportunities that will further streamline the construction process and minimizing project costs. SBX2 12 is an important and necessary complement to SB 1407.

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For these reasons, I respectfully request your signature on SBX2 12.

Singerely,

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cc: Hon. Darrell Steinberg, Senate President pro Tempore