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May 7, 2013

Hon. Nancy Skinner
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3160
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1296 (Skinner), as amended March 14, 2013 – Support, if amended

Dear Assembly Member Skinner:

The Judicial Council supports, if amended, AB 1296, which, among other things, requires that courts notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) about individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or who have been adjudicated to be mentally disordered sex offenders, within 24 hours of the finding, in an electronic format, in a manner prescribed by the DOJ.

The Judicial Council supports AB 1296, if amended to require courts to report, within three court days—rather than 24 hours—of adjudication, individuals who have been adjudged by a court to be a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or who has been adjudicated to be a mentally disordered sex offender. The council believes the bill's current requirement that courts report that information within 24 hours is unrealistic because most often minutes of the proceedings and other relevant court records are not available for processing within 24 hours. The council believes that an amendment requiring courts to report this information within three court days is a more realistic timeframe that still allows for timely reporting of the information to the DOJ.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1296, if amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sharon Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Reilly
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cc: Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor