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May 5, 2009

Hon. Noreen Evans
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 154 (Evans), as amended April 14, 2009 - Support

Dear Assembly Member Evans:

The Judicial Council supports AB 154, which enacts changes necessary to allow California to take advantage of enhanced adoption incentive payments and increased eligibility of children and families for adoption assistance payments. This bill ensures that any state savings resulting from eligibility for adoption assistance under the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (H.R. 6893 / P.L. 110-351) are invested in the child welfare system, and that all parents considering adopting dependent youth are aware of the availability of state and federal tax credits for their adoption-related expenses.

The Judicial Council supports AB 154 because it would implement recommendations of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care (BRC), and make additional resources available for families and the child welfare system. In its final recommendations on needed reforms relating to resources and funding, the BRC urged federal reform to ensure federal adoption assistance payments for all children adopted from foster care, and the reinvestment of state savings from foster care reform back into the child welfare system. AB 154 helps to advance both of these recommendations by ensuring that California can take advantage of the expanded eligibility for federal adoption assistance provided in the new federal

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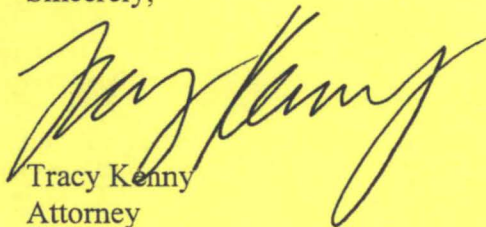
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 154.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Michael Prosio, Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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Hon. Carol Liu, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
State Capitol, Room 5061
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Subject: AB 154 (Evans), as amended April 14, 2009 - Support
Hearing: Senate Human Services Committee – June 23, 2009

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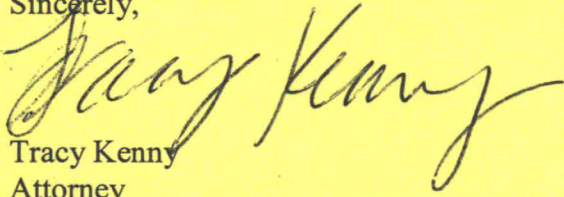
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