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Hon. Jim W. Nielsen, Chair
Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 2068
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1672 (Mathis), as amended June 14, 2016 – Support
Hearing: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee – June 28, 2016

Dear Senator Nielsen:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1672, which requires the Judicial Council to conduct study of veterans and Veterans Treatment Courts that include a statewide assessment of those courts, including the number of participants and program outcomes. The study will also include a survey of counties that do not operate Veterans Treatment Courts that identifies barriers to program implementation and assesses the need for Veterans Treatment Courts in those jurisdictions. The bill also requires the council to report the results of the study to the Legislature on or before June 1, 2019, including recommendations regarding expansion of Veterans Treatment Courts or services to counties without those courts and the feasibility of designing regional model Veterans Treatment Courts.

The Judicial Council believes that evaluating processes and identifying promising practices of Veterans Treatment Courts that are currently in operation and understanding needs and service gaps would be beneficial to those courts as well as other jurisdictions interested in replicating these programs. The council also notes that the number of Veterans Treatment Courts has

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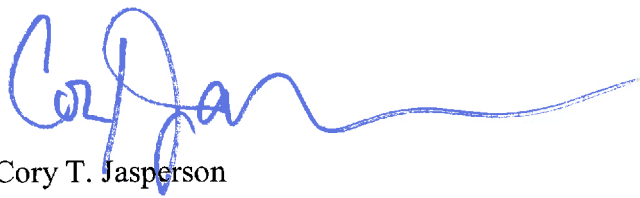
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expanded more than any other type of Collaborative Court in recent years. There are currently 28 Veterans Treatment Courts in 24 Counties in California. Further, some counties are establishing community courts that integrate programs and services from a range of existing collaborative justice courts. Finally, the Judicial Branch currently has over 390 collaborative justice courts throughout the state.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1672.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sharon Reilly at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,



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