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Hon. Mark Leno, Chair
Assembly Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 3146
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Subject: AB 2870 (De La Torre), as introduced – February 24, 2006 - Support
Hearing: Assembly Public Safety Committee – April 18, 2006

Dear Assembly Member Leno:

The Judicial Council supports AB 2870 because it provides an appropriate remedy for courtroom personnel who may have been exposed to communicable diseases because of a defendant's attack. Existing law provides these protections to personnel of state prisons, county jails, city jails, California Youth Authority facilities, or other correctional institutions. A recent incident where a defendant attacked his defense attorney in the courtroom in Los Angeles County highlighted the need to expand the provision to include courtrooms, court personnel, and prosecution and defense attorneys.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 2870.

Sincerely,

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