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Hon. Anthony Portantino  
Member of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2003  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2884 (Portantino), as amended April 23, 2008 - Support

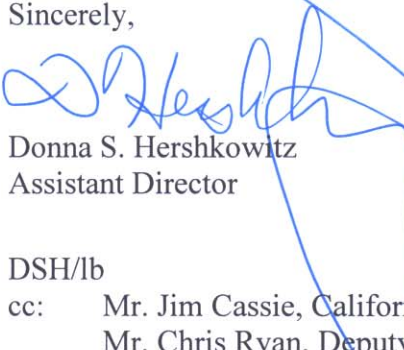
Dear Assembly Member Portantino:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support your AB 2884, which treats "real time" transcripts in the same manner as rough draft transcripts by providing that real time transcripts cannot be used, cited, or transcribed as the official certified transcript, and cannot be used or cited to rebut or contradict the official certified transcript.

This bill will properly limit the use of real time transcripts and not permit such transcripts to be used or cited as the official transcript. Real time transcripts do not necessarily represent the word-for-word transcription of the proceedings, thus should not be used, by attorneys or the court, as the official certified transcript of the proceedings, to rebut the official transcript, or otherwise used or cited as official descriptions of what occurred in the proceedings.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 2884.

Sincerely,



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