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April 20, 2006

Hon. Dave Jones, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 3126
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2618 (Berg), as amended April 17, 2006 - Support
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – April 25, 2006

Dear Assembly Member Jones:

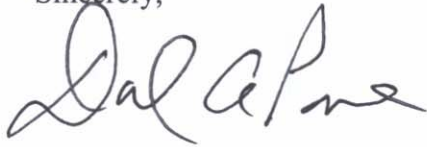
The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 2618, which would make a number of conforming changes to statutes referencing the jurisdictional limit in small claims cases, including discrimination actions under Civil Code section 52.2, specified enforcement actions for declaratory, injunctive, or writ relief, or for relief in conjunction with a claim for monetary damages involving common interest developments pursuant to Civil Code section 1369.520, and actions regarding security deposit disputes pursuant to Civil Code section 1950.5. The bill would also make technical, conforming changes to a number of provisions in the Small Claims Act (Code of Civil Procedure sections 116.360(a), 116.390(a), 116.540(e) and 116.610(a)) and the Public Utilities Act (Public Utilities Code section 311.4(f)(1)), by adding cross-references in those statutes to the higher jurisdictional limit in Code of Civil Procedure section 116.221.

The Judicial Council supports these changes because they are consistent with the recent legislation that raised the jurisdiction of small claims court actions brought by natural persons from \$5,000 to \$7,500 (AB 1459 (Canciamilla), Stats.2005, ch. 618 and SB 422 (Simitian) Stats. 2005, ch. 600). We appreciate the author's agreement to include in the bill a number of conforming changes to the Small Claims Act and other codes that should have been made at the time AB 1459 and SB 422 were enacted. These changes will correct the drafting oversights from last year and provide greater access to the courts by allowing more actions to be brought through the much simpler and less expensive small claims court process.

Hon. Dave Jones, Chair
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 2618. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Daniel A. Pone
Senior Attorney

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cc: Members, Assembly Judiciary Committee
Hon. Patty Berg, Member of the Assembly
Mr. Kevin Baker, Staff Counsel, Assembly Judiciary Committee
Ms. Sue Blake, Director of Legislation, Office of Planning and Research
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April 20, 2006

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Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4146
Sacramento, California 95814

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Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – April 25, 2006

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May 31, 2006

Hon. Joseph L. Dunn, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2618 (Berg), as amended May 2, 2006 - Support
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 20, 2006

Dear Senator Dunn:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 2618, which would make a number of conforming changes to statutes referencing the jurisdictional limit in small claims cases. The Judicial Council supports these changes because they are consistent with the recent legislation that raised the jurisdiction of small claims court actions brought by natural persons from \$5,000 to \$7,500 (AB 1459 (Canciamilla), Stats.2005, ch. 618 and SB 422 (Simitian) Stats. 2005, ch. 600). We appreciate the author's agreement to include in the bill a number of conforming changes to the Small Claims Act and other codes that should have been made at the time AB 1459 and SB 422 were enacted. These changes will correct the drafting oversights from last year and provide greater access to the courts by allowing more actions to be brought through the much simpler and less expensive small claims court process.

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August 16, 2006

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2618 (Berg) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

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Hon. Arnold Schwarzenegger

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 2618.

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