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May 9, 2013

Hon. Mark Stone Member of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 4164 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject:

AB 787 (Stone), as amended March 19, 2013 - Support

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 787, which would clarify implementation of the California Fostering Connections to Success Act of 2010 (AB 12, Stats. of 2010, ch. 559).

In 2009, the Judicial Council co-sponsored the California Fostering Connections to Success Act, which was passed in 2010 as AB 12. AB 12 was a large and complex bill that made changes to numerous sections of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Because of this, implementation has required statutory clarifications in order to effectively achieve the goals of AB 12. Furthermore, changes in federal guidance have required statutory changes in California law in order to continue compliance and conformance for the purpose of maintaining eligibility for federal funding.

The Judicial Council has worked with other stakeholders to implement the provisions of AB 12 with fidelity to the legislature's intent and in that process has identified areas that require clarification. For example, AB 787 will allow youth who exit dependency jurisdiction to a subsidized guardianship or adoption and are eligible for support until age 21 to petition the court to reenter dependency jurisdiction if the adoptive parent or guardian is deceased before the

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nonminor turns 21. This change will ensure that these youth have the same support to achieve independence that other nonminor dependents are afforded. In addition, AB 787 will clarify the status of transition jurisdiction youth who are still minors. Changes such as these are critical to preserving the underlying intent of the original and historic legislation.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 787.

Sincerely,

Alan N. Herzfeld

Attorney

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cc: Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor



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June 7, 2013

Hon. Leland Yee, Chair Senate Human Services Committee State Capitol, Room 4074 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 787 (Stone), as amended March 19, 2013 - Support

Hearing:

Senate Human Services Committee – June 11, 2013

Dear Senator Yee:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 787, which would clarify implementation of the California Fostering Connections to Success Act of 2010 (AB 12, Stats. of 2010, ch. 559).

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Sincerely,

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cc: Members, Senate Human Services Committee

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June 18, 2013

Hon. Noreen Evans, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee State Capitol, Room 4085 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 787 (Stone), as amended June 14, 2013 - Support

Hearing:

Senate Judiciary Committee – June 25, 2013

Dear Senator Evans:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 787, which would clarify implementation of the California Fostering Connections to Success Act of 2010 (AB 12, Stats. of 2010, ch. 559).

In 2009, the Judicial Council co-sponsored the California Fostering Connections to Success Act, which was passed in 2010 as AB 12. AB 12 was a large and complex bill that made changes to numerous sections of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Because of this, implementation has required statutory clarifications in order to effectively achieve the goals of AB 12. Furthermore, changes in federal guidance have required statutory changes in California law in order to continue compliance and conformance for the purpose of maintaining eligibility for federal funding.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 787.

Sincerely,

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September 13, 2013

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor of California State Capitol, First Floor Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 787 (Stone) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 787, which would clarify implementation of the California Fostering Connections to Success Act of 2010 (AB 12, Stats. of 2010, ch. 559).

In 2009, the Judicial Council co-sponsored the California Fostering Connections to Success Act, which was passed in 2010 as AB 12. AB 12 was a large and complex bill that made changes to numerous sections of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Because of this, implementation has required statutory clarifications in order to effectively achieve the goals of AB 12. Furthermore, changes in federal guidance have required statutory changes in California law in order to continue compliance and conformance for the purpose of maintaining eligibility for federal funding.

The Judicial Council has worked, and continues to work, with other stakeholders to implement the provisions of AB 12 with fidelity to the legislature's intent, and as part of that process has identified areas that require clarification. For example, AB 787 will allow youth who exit dependency jurisdiction to a subsidized guardianship or adoption and are eligible for support until age 21 to petition the court to reenter dependency jurisdiction if the adoptive parent or guardian is deceased before the nonminor turns 21. This change will ensure that these youth have

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature.

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