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August 17, 2016

Hon. Rob Bonta
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6012
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2498 (Bonta), as amended August 15, 2016 – Oppose, unless amended

Dear Assembly Member Bonta:

The Judicial Council regrettably opposes AB 2498, unless amended, which, among other things, expands the list of criminal actions that take precedence over all other criminal actions in the order of trial to include human trafficking. The Judicial Council is opposing AB 2498, unless amended to remove this calendar preference, because the council believes the calendar preference unduly and unnecessarily intrudes upon the ability of courts to manage their calendars appropriately.

The council has historically opposed calendar preferences because courts are in the best position to prioritize cases based on the unique fact and circumstances of each individual case in the context of the other cases on the courts' dockets. The council is concerned that statutory calendar preferences mean that other cases, including cases that have statutorily mandated calendar preferences, such as juvenile cases, criminal cases, and civil cases in which a party is at risk of dying, will take longer to decide. Moreover, delays in the administration of justice that would likely result from any expansion of calendar preferences would be even more pronounced in light of the ongoing fiscal limitations faced by the judicial branch. Finally, the council notes that courts are charged with dispensing equal access to justice for each and every case on their

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dockets and the calendar preference that would be established by AB 2498 would interfere with the ability of courts to do so.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council regrettably opposes AB 2498, unless amended to remove the calendar preference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Reilly
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cc: Ms. Nancy O'Malley, District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
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Member of the Assembly
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Subject: AB 2498 (Bonta), as amended August 19, 2016

Dear Assembly Member Bonta:

We appreciate your taking amendments to AB 2498, to address the concerns raised by the Judicial Council. With these amendments, the council removes its opposition to the bill and adopts a no position.

It was a pleasure working with you and your sponsor to address the concerns of the Judicial Council and working with us to craft the amendments.

Sincerely,

Sharon Reilly
Attorney

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