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May 15, 2014

Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3152  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2186 (Lowenthal), as amended April 21, 2014 – Support

Dear Assembly Member Lowenthal:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 2186, which allows a court order for involuntary medication of a person found incompetent to stand trial (IST) to follow the patient, rather than being directed to a particular treatment facility. The bill also adjusts the timing of competency reports to align with reviews of involuntary medication orders, and it clarifies the timeframe and process by which involuntary medication orders are renewed. In addition, AB 2186 allows a superior court to extend an involuntary medication order approved by an administrative law judge for an additional 14 days with good cause.

The Judicial Council believes that allowing the court's involuntary medication order to follow the patient will assist in ensuring continuity of treatment and help avoid unnecessary court hearings that are currently required in a significant number of cases when IST patients are transferred from the state hospital to local jails. In addition, aligning the timing of competency progress reports with involuntary medication order reviews will achieve greater efficiencies for the courts in handling these cases. Moreover, the council believes that clarifying the timeframe and process by which involuntary medication orders are renewed should also improve the overall administration of IST cases.

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For all of these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 2186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Pone", with a stylized, cursive script.

Daniel Pone  
Senior Attorney

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cc: Mr. Tom Dey, Assistant Director for Legislation, Department of State Hospitals  
Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor  
Ms. Lark Park, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor  
Mr. Shaun Naidu, Counsel, Assembly Public Safety Committee  
Mr. Jerome McGuire, Counsel, Senate Public Safety Committee



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May 28, 2014

Hon. Loni Hancock, Chair  
Senate Public Safety Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2082  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2186 (Lowenthal), as amended April 21, 2014 – Support  
Hearing: Senate Public Safety Committee – June 10, 2014

Dear Senator Hancock:

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Daniel Pone  
Senior Attorney

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cc: Members, Senate Public Safety Committee  
Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal, Member of the Assembly  
Mr. Tom Dey, Assistant Director for Legislation, Department of State Hospitals  
Mr. Jerome McGuire, Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Mr. Eric Csizmar, Policy Consultant, Senate Republican Office of Policy  
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August 27, 2014

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

Subject: AB 2186 (Lowenthal) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature AB 2186.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Pone  
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