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June 5, 2014

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

Subject: AB 2397 (Frazier), as amended May 12, 2014 - Support  
Hearing: Senate Public Safety Committee – June 10, 2014

Dear Senator Hancock:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 2397, which expands the types of appearances that can be made using two-way video conference technology between a defendant housed in state, county, or local facility within the county, and a courtroom to include specified non-critical trial appearances, if the defendant and defense counsel consent to the defendant's physical absence from court.

The Judicial Council believes that the use of video technology provided for in AB 2397 will improve the efficiency of courts, and that over time the use of that and similar technology will become more frequent. Further, while the primary beneficiaries of the costs savings will be the Sheriffs, the Judicial Council believes that the use of the technology can increase the efficiency of court hearings because it potentially reduces court time on individual hearings. Moreover, several courts are already successfully using such technology. While the use of this technology may not be practical or affordable in some courts, the Judicial Council supports AB 2397 because the use of such technology by courts is voluntary, thus if the use of the technology is impracticable for some courts, they are not required to use it.

Hon. Loni Hancock  
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 2397.

Sincerely,

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Sharon Reilly  
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cc: Members, Senate Public Safety Committee  
Hon. Jim L. Frazier, Jr., Member of the Assembly  
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Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor  
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July 9, 2014

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 2397.

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