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June 19, 2014

Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 2454 (Quirk-Silva), as amended April 2, 2014 - Support
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 24, 2014

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Judicial Council supports AB 2454, which makes various technical and clarifying changes to implement the California Fostering Connections to Success Act of 2010 (AB 12, Stats. of 2010, ch. 559). Specifically, this bill would allow a nonminor who received either Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (Kin-GAP) aid or adoption assistance aid after turning 18 years old, or whose former guardians stopped receiving Kin-GAP aid and stopped providing support to the nonminor after the nonminor reached 18 years old, to petition for resumption of dependency jurisdiction..

The Judicial Council supports AB 2454 because it will clarify and enhance the implementation of the significant policy changes enacted by AB 12. As a co-sponsor of AB 12, the Judicial Council has been working closely with other child welfare system stakeholders to ensure that AB 12's policy changes are implemented fairly and effectively. AB 12 was a voluminous and complicated bill that amended numerous sections of the Welfare and Institutions Code regarding dependent and delinquent youth. As implementation progresses, issues continue to arise that require statutory clarification.

One of the purposes of AB 12 was to assist former dependents who are no longer minors, but still require public support and assistance. AB 2454 will help provide aid to former dependents who are no longer receiving the support they need because, under current law, their support program has run out. By extending dependency jurisdiction over these nonminors until they reach 21 years old, AB 2454 will help further the goals of AB 12 and its follow-up bills.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 2454.

Sincerely,

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Alan Herzfeld
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cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee
Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva, Member of the Assembly
Ms. Nichole Rapier, Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee
Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor
Mr. Mike Petersen, Consultant, Senate Republican Office of Policy



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August 25, 2014

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

Subject: AB 2454 (Quirk-Silva) – Request for Signature

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 2454.

Sincerely,

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Alan Herzfeld
Associate Attorney

cc: Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva, Member of the Assembly
Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor