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May 9, 2013

Hon. Marty Block
Member of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 4090
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 378 (Block), as amended April 2, 2013 - Support

Dear Senator Block:

The Judicial Council supports SB 378, which provides that an electronically digitized copy of an official record of conviction that has been certified in accordance with specified requirements is admissible to prove the commission, attempted commission, or solicitation of a criminal offense, prior conviction, service of a prison term, or other act, condition, or event recorded by the record.

With the increased use of and reliance on electronic data management and document storage, courts can save significant money by preparing and certifying an electronic "prior packet" file one time rather than incurring the costs associated with producing and certifying multiple hard copies. Thus, the council believes that SB 378 will make courts more efficient and result in costs savings.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports SB 378.

Sincerely,

Sharon Reilly
Senior Attorney

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



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June 3, 2013

Hon. Tom Ammiano, Chair
Assembly Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 378 (Block), as amended April 2, 2013 – Co-sponsor
Hearing: Assembly Public Safety Committee—June 11, 2013

Dear Assembly Member Ammiano:

The Judicial Council is pleased to co-sponsor SB 378, which provides that an electronically digitized copy of an official record of conviction that has been certified in accordance with specified requirements is admissible to prove the commission, attempted commission, or solicitation of a criminal offense, prior conviction, service of a prison term, or other act, condition, or event recorded by the record. As a result, SB 378 authorizes the use of electronically digitized copies of prior convictions (“prior packets”) as admissible evidence to the same extent as the original record or a certified copy.

At its April 26, 2013 meeting, the Judicial Council voted to sponsor legislation to amend the Evidence Code to authorize courts to prepare and pre-certify electronic “prior packets,” in a manner consistent with your existing SB 378. With the increased use of and reliance on electronic data management and document storage, courts can save significant money by preparing and certifying an electronic “prior packet” file one time rather than incurring the costs associated with producing and certifying multiple hard copies. Thus, the council believes that SB

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Mr. Gregory Pagan, Chief Counsel, Assembly Judiciary Committee
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Mr. Gary Olson, Consultant, Assembly Republican Office of Policy



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August 14, 2013

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

Subject: SB 378 (Block) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on SB 378.

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