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March 7, 2007

Hon. Dave Jones, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 227 (Beall), as introduced - Co-Sponsor
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee - March 27, 2007

Dear Assembly Member Jones:

The Judicial Council and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) are co-sponsoring AB 227 to add a new section to the Government Code that specifies the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) amounts owed to the state. The new § 77201.3 will codify agreements that have been reached between courts, counties, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and CSAC. This change will prevent any future disagreement or misunderstanding about the amounts owed and is the final step in the disposition of fees and fines that have long been disputed between courts and counties. Two additional conforming changes are necessary to ensure appropriate implementation of the revised MOE payments.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your "aye" vote on AB 227.

Please contact me at 916-323-3121 or eraina.ortega@jud.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Eraina Ortega
Manager

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cc: Members, Assembly Judiciary Committee
Hon. Jim Beall, Jr., Member of the Assembly
Mr. Anthony Lew, Consultant, Assembly Judiciary Committee
Mr. Rubin Lopez, Consultant, California State Association of Counties
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May 15, 2007

Hon. Ellen M. Corbett, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 3092
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 227 (Beall), as amended March 22, 2007 - Co-Sponsor
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – May 22, 2007

Dear Senator Corbett:

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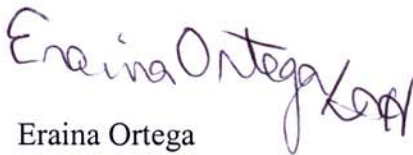
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Eraina Ortega
Manager

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Hon. Jim Beall, Jr., Member of the Assembly
Mr. Eric Csizmar, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
Ms. Elizabeth Howard, Legislative Representative, California State Association of Counties
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June 19, 2007

Hon. Tom Torlakson, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 227 (Beall), as amended March 22, 2007 - Co-Sponsor
Hearing: Senate Appropriations Committee – June 25, 2007

Dear Senator Torlakson:

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June 29, 2007

Hon. Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 227 (Beall) – Request for Signature

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September 17, 2007

Hon. Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

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