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Hon. John Harabedian  
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**Subject: Assembly Bill 1950 (Harabedian), as amended March 18, 2026—Support**

Dear Assembly Member Harabedian:

The Judicial Council of California is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1950 to permit the Los Angeles Superior Court to conduct a pilot project enabling it to refer a case into mediation irrespective of the amount in controversy while still adhering to all other mandatory conditions to qualify a case for mediation.

The Judicial Council supported the original legislation, Senate Bill 401 (Lockyer; Stats. 1993, ch. 1261), that created the court-ordered mediation provisions to resolve cases in a cost-effective manner. More recently, the Judicial Council supported Senate Bill 1141 (Niello; 2024) and Assembly Bill 1523 (Judiciary; Stats. 2025, ch. 201) to increase the dollar threshold for referring cases to mediation. These measures allow cases involving relatively small amounts in controversy to benefit from a lower-cost means of resolution, improve court efficiencies, and allow timely and cost-effective dispute resolution for the public.

Mediation offers the potential for earlier and faster resolution than traditional litigation, and it can provide a less costly means for resolving disputes. This results in higher court user satisfaction with both the process and its outcomes. For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1950.

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Sincerely,



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