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Hon. Scott Wiener
Member of the Senate, 11th District
1021 O Street, Room 8620
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 59 (Wiener), as amended September 2, 2025—Remove Opposition

Dear Senator Wiener:

The Judicial Council is removing its “oppose” position on Senate Bill 59, after the most recent amendments and appreciates you and your office’s willingness to work with us to address the previous concerns.

The Judicial Council is grateful for the engagement and problem-solving efforts undertaken on this important measure. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Heather Resetarits at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ricardo Gonzalez, Senate Fellow, Office of Senator Wiener
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Hon. Anna M. Caballero, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 2200
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 59 (Wiener), as amended April 24, 2025—Oppose, unless amended
Hearing: Senate Appropriations Committee—May 5, 2025

Dear Senator Caballero:

The Judicial Council regrettably must oppose Senate Bill 59, which extends the confidentiality provisions that already apply to specified petitions by minors for a change of gender and sex identifier, to adults and makes those confidentiality provisions retroactive, unless it is amended to remove the requirement that courts automatically and retroactively make prior petitions confidential.

Specifically, the Judicial Council is opposed unless SB 59 is amended to strike the newly-proposed 103437(c), which requires the courts to—on their own volition and without any filing from a requestor—find every single past-dated file for name and gender change and make them confidential.

This would place an impossible workload burden on the courts for which no amount of money can conceivably solve. This is because the courts have no effective means of identifying all these old court files to make them confidential. The various court case management systems do not track these particular file types as a category thus every name change petition case would need to be manually reviewed to determine if it falls within this retroactive confidential category.

Amending SB 59 to instead require a petitioner to request that their case records be made confidential would address the concerns underlying the bill in a manner that courts would be able to carry out without having to cumbersomely comb through all their name change case records.

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The Judicial Council appreciates the early outreach from the author's office and the bill sponsors to work through concerns, and we look forward to continuing these productive conversations.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council opposes SB 59, unless amended.

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