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July 12, 2005

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

Subject: AB 1739 (Assembly Judiciary Committee) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am pleased to inform you that the Judicial Council supports AB 1739 (Committee on the Judiciary), which would require the California Commission on Access to Justice to issue a report containing recommendations for specific actions that would assist the State Bar, the Judicial Council, the California Supreme Court, or the Legislature in ensuring equal access to justice for low income Californians.

The Judicial Council supports AB 1739 because it would provide a further opportunity for the legal community to focus on the important objective of access to justice. Ensuring access to justice for all litigants regardless of income is a primary objective of the Judicial Council. Furthermore, the council has initiated numerous projects to enhance access for self-represented litigants. The report required in AB 1739 would allow those who are working in this area to come together under the leadership of the Commission on Access to Justice to create a strategy to further advance these goals and objectives so that equal access to the courts can be realized in California.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 1739.

Sincerely

Tracy Kenny

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cc: Hon. Dave Jones, Chair

Ms. Karen Pank, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor

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June 9, 2005

Hon. Dave Jones, Chair Assembly Judiciary Committee 1020 N Street, Rm 104 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 1739 (Assembly Judiciary Committee), as amended May 10, 2005 - Support

Hearing:

Senate Judiciary Committee – June 14, 2005

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