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May 31, 2006

Hon. Joseph Dunn, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2080  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1787 (Cohn), as amended March 14, 2006 - Support  
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 13, 2006

Dear Senator Dunn:

I am pleased to inform you that the Judicial Council is in support of AB 1787, which would require that an emergency protective order (EPO) be issued by a judicial officer pursuant to a specific request from law enforcement, because it ensures the proper alignment of judicial and executive functions, and protects the exclusive authority of the court to issue protective orders. This view of the proper allocation of responsibilities for obtaining and issuing EPOs is consistent with the statutory scheme in place for law enforcement to obtain an EPO, which specifically requires that the presiding judge of each superior court designate at least one judicial officer to be available to issue these orders whether or not court is in session. Thus the council supports AB 1787 because it is consistent with the intent of the existing statute, promotes the council's strategic goal of enhancing judicial independence, and preserves the appropriate role of the court in issuing protective orders.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Kenny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tracy" and last name "Kenny" clearly distinguishable.

Tracy Kenny  
Attorney

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cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Hon. Rebecca Cohn, Member of the Assembly  
Ms. Gloria Ochoa, Deputy Chief Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Mr. Mike Petersen, Consultant, Senate Republican Office of Policy  
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June 29, 2006

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

Subject: AB 1787 (Cohn) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Judicial Council is in support of AB 1787 (Cohn), which would require that an emergency protective order (EPO) be issued by a judicial officer pursuant to a specific request from law enforcement.

The Judicial Council supports AB 1787 (Cohn) because it ensures the proper alignment of judicial and executive functions, and protects the exclusive authority of the court to issue protective orders. This view of the proper allocation of responsibilities for obtaining and issuing EPOs is consistent with the statutory scheme in place for law enforcement to obtain an EPO, which specifically requires that the presiding judge of each superior court designate at least one judicial officer to be available to issue these orders whether or not court is in session. Thus the council supports AB 1787 because it is consistent with the intent of the existing statute, promotes the council's strategic goal of enhancing judicial independence, and preserves the appropriate role of the court in issuing protective orders.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 1787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tracy Kenny". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Tracy" is written with a large, sweeping 'T' and the last name "Kenny" follows in a similar fluid script.

Tracy Kenny  
Attorney

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cc: Hon. Rebecca Cohn, Member of Assembly  
Mr. Eric Csizmar, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor  
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March 28, 2006

Hon. Rebecca Cohn  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3160  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 1787 (Cohn), as amended March 14, 2006 - Support

Dear Assembly Member Cohn:

I am pleased to inform you that the Judicial Council is in support of AB 1787, which would require that an emergency protective order (EPO) be issued by a judicial officer pursuant to a specific request from law enforcement, because it ensures the proper alignment of judicial and executive functions, and protects the exclusive authority of the court to issue protective orders. This view of the proper allocation of responsibilities for obtaining and issuing EPOs is consistent with the statutory scheme in place for law enforcement to obtain an EPO, which specifically requires that the presiding judge of each superior court designate at least one judicial officer to be available to issue these orders whether or not court is in session. Thus the council supports AB 1787 because it is consistent with the intent of the existing statute, promotes the council's strategic goal of enhancing judicial independence, and preserves the appropriate role of the court in issuing protective orders.

Sincerely,

Tracy Kenny  
Legislative Advocate

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cc: Ms. Leora Gershenzon, Counsel, Assembly Judiciary Committee  
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