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April 14, 2006

Hon. Kevin Murray, Chair Senate Appropriations Committee State Capitol, Room 5050 Sacramento, California 95814

SB 1187 (Ackerman), as introduced - Sponsor

Hearing: Senate Appropriations Committee – April 24, 2006

### Dear Senator Murray:

The Judicial Council is sponsoring SB 1187, which authorizes CalPERS to offer vested JRS II members the option of converting their defined contribution lump-sum payout to an actuarially equivalent lifetime annuity. SB 1187 would protect the full value of the retiree's defined contribution to the JRS II. This option is already available under current law for judges eligible for normal retirement who choose the lump-sum payout under the defined contribution option. (See Gov. Code, § 75522(e).).

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Sincerely,

June Clark / Senior Attorney

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cc:

Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

Hon. Dick Ackerman, Member of the Senate Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee

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March 21, 2006

Hon. Nell Soto, Chair Senate Public Employment & Retirement Committee State Capitol, Room 4074 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject

SB 1187 (Ackerman), as introduced - Sponsor

Hearing:

Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee – March 27, 2006

#### Dear Senator Soto:

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April 18, 2006

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Subject:

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Hearing:

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June 27, 2006

Hon. Judy Chu, Chair **Assembly Appropriations Committee** State Capitol, Room 2114 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

SB 1187 (Ackerman), as amended June 8, 2006 – Co-Sponsor

Assembly Appropriations Committee – June 28, 2006 Hearing:

Dear Assembly Member Chu:

The Judicial Council is co-sponsoring with the California Judges Association SB 1187, which authorizes CalPERS to offer vested JRS II members the option of converting their defined contribution lump-sum payout to an actuarially equivalent lifetime annuity. SB 1187 would protect the full value of the retiree's defined contribution to the JRS II. This option is already available under current law for judges eligible for normal retirement who choose the lump-sum payout under the defined contribution option. (See Gov. Code, § 75522(e).).

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Hon. Dick Ackerman, Member of the Senate

Mr. Stephen Shea, Principal Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee

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June 19, 2006

Hon. Alberto Torrico, Chair Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee State Capitol, Room 2179 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

SB 1187 (Ackerman), as amended June 8, 2006 – Sponsor

Hearing: Assembly Public Employee, Retirement & Social Security – June 21, 2006

Dear Assembly Member Torrico:

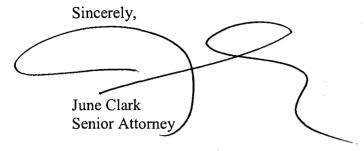
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Members, Assembly Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security

Hon. Dick Ackerman, Member of the Senate

Ms. Karen Green, Chief Counsel, Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee

Mr. Terry Mast, Consultant, Assembly Republican Office of Policy

Mr. Eric Csizmar, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor