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June 5, 2006

Hon. Dave Jones, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 3126
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1667 (Kuehl), as amended March 29, 2006 - Support
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – June 13, 2006

Dear Assembly Member Jones:

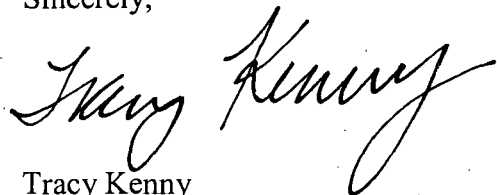
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The Judicial Council supports SB 1667 because it will enhance the ability of the court to obtain relevant information from foster parents and other caregivers for dependent children. Unlike all the other parties in court, the caregivers have daily interactions with the children under the court's jurisdiction. As a result, they are likely to have information that is vital to an accurate understanding of the child's situation. That information will assist the court as it seeks to make well-informed decisions in the best interest of the child. In recent years, there have been a number of foster parents lamenting the death of a child who had been in their custody and was returned to a parent who subsequently killed the child. Their frustration has been acute because the caregivers indicated that they had information about the risk that the parents posed to the child, but were unable to communicate that information to the court. SB 1667 could help prevent those tragedies in the future.

Hon. Dave Jones
June 5, 2006
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports SB 1667.

Sincerely,

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Tracy Kenny
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cc: Members, Assembly Judiciary Committee
Hon. Sheila Kuehl, Member of the Senate
Mr. Manuel Valencia, Counsel, Assembly Judiciary Committee
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Member of the Senate
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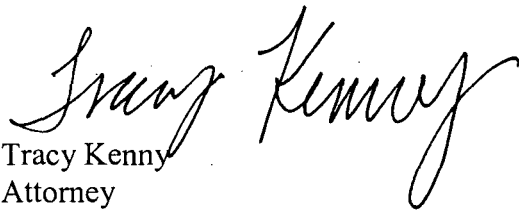
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