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Hon. Jay Obernolte  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4116  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 2108 (Obernolte), as introduced – Support

Dear Assembly Member Obernolte:

The Judicial Council supports AB 2108, which adds 50 new judgeships, upon an allocation by the Legislature for Fiscal Year 2020–21, to the trial courts with the greatest need pursuant to the most current Judicial Needs Assessment.

The *2019 Judicial Needs Assessment* at [www.courts.ca.gov/documents/lr-2019-update-of-judicial-needs-assessment-gov-69614c1\\_3.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/lr-2019-update-of-judicial-needs-assessment-gov-69614c1_3.pdf) shows a critical need for new judgeships in California's trial courts. Based on the calculations conducted for the 2019 assessment, 19 courts need new judgeships, for a total need of 173 judges. The need estimate does not include judicial vacancies resulting from retirements, elevations, or other changes that have not yet been filled. The 50 judgeships contemplated by AB 2108 would make a significant positive difference for the tens of thousands of people who use California's courts every year.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 2108.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Andi Liebenbaum at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

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