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July 20, 2020

Hon. Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 5094
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1133 (Jackson), as amended May 21, 2020 – Support

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1133, which extends the sunset on the law that allows 6 peremptory challenges if the offense charged is punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of one year or less, except as provided for defendants who are jointly tried.

In *Peremptory Challenges in Misdemeanor Cases* (December 2019), the study required by the enabling legislation (SB 843, Stats. 2016, ch. 33, §§ 1-3), the Judicial Council found that the reduction in peremptory challenges is having a positive impact on the use of peremptory challenges in misdemeanor cases as well as declines in juror panel size. The Judicial Council believes that continuing the reductions in peremptory challenges is an appropriate approach to jury management, while ensuring justice for the defendants and the People of California.

Finally, the COVID-19 crisis continues to place tremendous pressure on criminal court calendars. Continuing the reduction in peremptory challenges in misdemeanor cases will help to relieve that pressure.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports SB 1133.

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

Sincerely,

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Subject: SB 1133 (Jackson), as introduced – Support
Hearing: Senate Public Safety Committee – May 20, 2020

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1133, which extends the sunset on the law that limits peremptory challenges to six (6) if the offense charged is punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of one year or less, except as provided for defendants who are jointly tried.

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