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August 19, 2019

Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 389 (Hertzberg), – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on SB 389, which amends the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to authorize counties to use MHSA moneys to provide services to persons who are participating in a presentencing or postsentencing diversion program or who are on parole, probation, postrelease community supervision, or mandatory supervision.

The council supports SB 389 because it would expressly authorize counties to use MHSA funding for mental health services for diversion program participants, and individuals on parole, probation, post-release community supervision, or mandatory supervision. Oftentimes, defendants agree, as a condition of supervised release or participation in a diversion program, to participate in mental health treatment. Nonetheless, the lack of availability of mental health services for those individuals is a constant challenge for courts. Yet, the success of certain individuals participating in diversion programs or on supervised release depends on appropriate mental health treatment. The council believes that the potential additional funding for mental health services will help address the shortage of those services, which will, in turn, help reduce recidivism.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on SB 389.

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

Sincerely,

Mailed August 19, 2019

Cory T. Jaspersen
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cc: Hon. Robert Hertzberg, Member of the Senate
Mr. Anthony Williams, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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June 20, 2019

Hon. Jim Wood, Chair
Assembly Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 6005
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 389 (Hertzberg), as introduced – Support
Hearing: Assembly Health Committee – June 25, 2019

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 389, which amends the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to authorize counties to use MHSA moneys to provide services to persons who are participating in a presentencing or postsentencing diversion program or who are on parole, probation, postrelease community supervision, or mandatory supervision.

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Mr. Daniel Felizzatto, Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County District Attorney
Mr. Alex Kahn, Policy Consultant, Assembly Republican Office of Policy
Mr. Anthony Williams, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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May 14, 2019

Hon. Robert Hertzberg
Member of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 389 (Hertzberg), as introduced – Support

Dear Senator Hertzberg:

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