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Hon. Eduardo Garcia  
Member of the Assembly, District 36  
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Subject: Assembly Bill 1139 (Garcia), as amended June 7, 2023—Support

Dear Assembly Member Garcia:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 1139, which expands the Tribal Court Civil Money Judgment Act (TCCMJA) to allow the enforcement of money judgments for tribal use and sales taxes on meals, food, and beverages sold for consumption on Indian land, and related interest or penalties.

In 2014, the Judicial Council sponsored SB 406 (Evans, Stats. 2014, ch. 243), which created the TCCMJA as a means for tribal court money judgments to be enforced in state court. The council-sponsored legislation established a streamlined process and timeline for considering applications to enforce tribal court money judgments that is similar to the handling of judgments from other states, makes enforcement of existing rights more efficient and economical for both litigants and the courts, and ensures appropriate recognition of tribal court civil money judgments in state courts in a manner that benefits both court systems.

AB 1139 would promote the same kind of efficient and economical cooperation between state courts and tribal courts that the original TCCMJA was intended to achieve by allowing the use of the TCCMJA procedures for tribes to collect judgments for sales and use taxes entered in tribal courts. Expanding the TCCMJA to encompass money judgments for these taxes which tribes are authorized to collect will further that objective.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 1139.

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

Sincerely,

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