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August 20, 2018

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor of California State Capitol, First Floor Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 1208 (Committee on Judiciary)—Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1208, which updates and revises the types of emergency situations for which the court can request, and the Chair of the Judicial Council can authorize, that specific emergency actions be taken when conditions jeopardize the orderly operation of the court, or make presence therein unsafe.

SB 1208 modernizes the Government Code to give courts the needed flexibility to respond to a number of increasingly probable emergency situations, like the recent fires and mudslides in counties across California. Updates to the statute also ensure that protocols and emergency responses are clearly laid out and equitably applied when crises arise.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on SB 1208.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee Mr. Daniel Seeman, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor Mr. Martin Hoshino, Administrative Director, Judicial Council of California