California Assembly California Assemblyman Jones State Capitol Assembly Building Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Assemblyman Jones:

SBX 2 11 legislation enacted on 2/20/2009 by over 2/3 of each chamber of the Legislature effectively impeached and convicted over 90% of California's judges for "misconduct in office" for taking illegal payments from counties.

The counties appeared before the Judges as parties in cases, thereby violating state criminal law, federal criminal law, the U.S. and California Constitutions and laws and the oaths of office of the judges and government officials making and receiving these payments.

Section 5 of SBX 2 11 gave the judges and the government officials making these illegal payments retroactive immunity from State criminal prosecution, civil liability and disciplinary action. However SBX 2 11 neglected to remove them from office.

This resulted in a California judiciary in which SBX 2 11 determined 90% of the judges to be criminals and unfit to serve by giving them retroactive immunity from criminal prosecution.

This intolerable state of affairs can no longer exist as all of these judges were disqualified from presiding over cases and their decisions were null and void as a "fraud upon the court." The solution is the attached Amendment proposed by the Campaign for Judicial Integrity (also known as the Fine Amendment) attached hereto.

The Amendment solves the problem by:

- 1. Removing from office the judges and county supervisors who received the retroactive immunity from criminal prosecution;
- 2. Stopping any state contributions to the state pension funds of judges who received retroactive immunity under Section 5 of SBX 2 11;
- **3.** Repealing any consent to the county payments to judges without immunity after July 1, 2008; and:
- **4.** Requiring the California Judicial Council to make annual reports to the Legislature on which counties are continuing the illegal payments.

The California Assembly must take a leadership position by unanimously passing the Amendment in the Assembly. This will send a message of urgency to the California Senate and Governor to also enact the Amendment. When enacted into law the Amendment will provide your Constituents with the following benefits:

- 1. Immediate removal of the corrupt judges from the California judiciary;
- 2. Save California taxpayers approximately \$20 million per year and approximately \$450 million over the next 25 years by removing state contributions to the state pensions for judges who received retroactive immunity from criminal prosecution under Section 5 of SBX 2 11;
- 3. Make clear that the state does not condone any illegal county payments to judges; and
- 4. Restore integrity to the California judiciary resulting in an honest and fair judicial system for the first time in a generation.

The California Assembly must NOT allow government officials to deliberately violate the law. The Judges deliberately ignored the State criminal laws by continuing to take "bribe" money from counties appearing before them. The California Assembly must pass this Amendment to insure that its constitutional powers to enact laws is not thwarted by judges, county supervisors and other government officials who deliberately refuse to obey them.

This is a critical issue that should have been solved several years ago. The efforts of my representative in the California Assembly to stop government officials from abusing the powers of their office are very important to me. Please identify the actions your office is going to take to sponsor, support and enact the attached Amendment to !Fname-V! at !email_address-V!.

The efforts being taken in the California Senate to pass and enact this Amendment are being provided to me by the Office of Senator Anderson. This is an issue as to which the California Assembly and Senate should be coordinating their efforts for the best interests of their Constituents. Please include in your response any efforts being taken to work with the California Senate and the Governor's Office.

Government officials' deliberate violation of the law sets a dangerous precedent that requires the California Assembly to respond in an assertive manner to protect their Constituents and the integrity of our state government. I look forward to receiving timely updates of the actions that your office takes to enact this Amendment.

Sincerely,

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Constituent from California Assembly District 71