California State Assembly Majority Leader California Assembly Toni Atkins Room: 319 P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0078

Dear Majority Leader Atkins:

The Majority Leader in the state Assembly has taken a sworn oath to be faithful to the Constitution, while representing the interests of their constituents, political party, and the legislative branch of the state government. When the state government experiences a crisis, the people and members of the political party expect the Majority Leader to use the powers of their government office to solve the problem for the people they represent. The illegal payments to California Judges for over twenty five (25) years is a crisis that requires immediate decisive action by the Majority Leader in the California Assembly.

In order to STOP the illegal payments to California Judges the Campaign for Judicial Integrity has drafted an Amendment to SBX 2 11 that will solve the crisis of illegal payments to California Government Officials. The Amendment is attached for your convenience and review.

I urge you as the Majority Leader in the Assembly to use your influence to get this amendment supported by every member in your party. The rapid enactment of this amendment with unanimous support in the assembly is needed to overwhelm any opposition that could delay its enactment. Adopt this Amendment as a priority for immediate enactment in the California Assembly to convey to your constituents the Majority Party in the California Assembly is representing the best interests of the people of California.

This Amendment will be supported by every California Assemblyman and political party that believes in Constitutional Rights, the Rule of Law and a corruption free judiciary and government. The members of Majority Party can work cooperatively with all the members in the California Assembly to pass this Amendment designed to restore a corruption free judiciary for the people of California.

Please timely send information on the actions of the Majority Leader in the California Assembly to get their members to enact this amendment to Jethro at <u>jetredact@aol.com</u>.

I look forward to receiving the actions the Majority Leader in the California Assembly will be taking to insure majority party support for this amendment within the next few days.

Enclosed herewith in addition to the Amendment, please find a copy of the letter sent to Los Angeles County which presently pays approximately \$25-30 million in illegal payments to approximately 430 Superior Court judges demanding that such illegal payments immediately stop. The same letters are being sent to the Supervisors of the other of the 34 counties which are still making such payments.

Los Angeles County Supervisors Executive Officer of Los Angeles County Supervisors Sachi A. Hamai 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear County Supervisor Executive Officer Sachi A. Hamai:

I urge you to immediately stop the county's illegal payments to Superior Court judges, also known as "local judicial benefits."

Over the past 25 years, up to 34 counties illegally paid over \$400 million to over 90% of California's state judges presiding in cases in which the counties were parties. These illegal county payments violated state criminal law, federal criminal law, the U.S. and California Constitutions and laws. These illegal county payments were never disclosed by the judges, the counties, their attorneys, prosecutors and public defenders, and others as required by law. These illegal county payments resulted in the disqualification of the judges in every case in which a county was involved and the annulling and voiding of their decisions as "frauds upon the court", amongst other things.

At the present time it is estimated that these illegal county payments to judges are between \$30-35 million per year. This letter is sent to you in conjunction with my request that the State Legislature amend SBX 2 11.

SBX 2 11 was enacted 2/20/2009 by over 2/3 of each chamber of the Legislature. SBX 2 11 effectively impeached and convicted over 90% of California's judges for "misconduct in office" by taking illegal payments from counties appearing before them as parties in cases, thereby violating state criminal law, federal criminal law, the U.S. and California Constitutions and laws, and their oath of office. Section 5, of SBX 2 11 gave retroactive immunity from criminal prosecution, civil liability and disciplinary action to the state judges, county supervisors and others who were involved in the illegal county payments to the state judges.

In 2009, the Legislature omitted to remove the corrupt judges and county supervisors from office who violated criminal laws, while giving them retroactive immunity from criminal prosecution.

The Campaign for Judicial Integrity prepared an Amendment to SBX 2 11 (also known as the Fine Amendment) which was last received by State Legislators by e- mail on or about May 20, 2013, from its Chairman Richard I. Fine. During April, 2013, Fine sent State Legislators materials supporting the Amendment.

In 2009, the Legislature omitted to remove the corrupt judges and county supervisors from office who violated criminal laws, while giving them retroactive immunity from criminal prosecution.

The Amendment will: (1) remove from office the judges and county supervisors who received the retroactive immunity from criminal prosecution; (2) stop any state contributions to the state pension funds of judges who received retroactive immunity under Section 5 of SBX 2 11; (3) repeal any consent to the county payments to judges without immunity after July 1, 2008; and (4) require the California Judicial Council to make annual reports to the Legislature on which counties are continuing the illegal payments.

Enacting the Amendment will: (1) immediately remove 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.

By removing the illegal county payments to the Superior Court judges, the county will contribute to the removal of \$30 - 35 million per year of illegal payments, thereby saving the taxpayers approximately \$50- 55 million per year with the savings from the enactment of the Amendment.

Please report to me within two weeks on the actions your office of County Supervisor will be taking to to remove the illegal county payments and recover these losses. Send your response from the County Supervisors Office to Jethro at jetredact@aol.com.

The Governor of California, California State Senate, California Assembly and other entities have been notified of this crisis to coordinate an assertive response that eliminates government officials that have violated the law. The efforts your Office is taking to coordinate with the other California government offices is to be included in the information sent to my email address. I look forward to receiving your response.