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August 25, 2023

Honorable Assembly Member Philip Ting
1021 O Street, Suite 8230
Sacramento, CA 94249-0019

Subject: AB 881 (Ting) Juror Fees Pilot Program - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to support Assembly Bill 881.

The Peace and Freedom Party supports the June 7, 2023, version of AB 881 for an expanded pilot program to increase juror pay to \$100/day for low-income jurors in criminal trials.

We believe that all jurors, both in civil and criminal cases, should be paid for eight hours at the state minimum wage for each day they are required to report for service as a trial juror. This would greatly reduce the economic sacrifice many Californians have to make to participate as jurors, with the consequence of making the justice system fairer to those who are now limited in their participation. The original bill, increasing juror pay to \$100/day for low-income jurors in criminal trials throughout the state, was a step in the right direction, and the current bill expanding the current pilot program that now does this in San Francisco from one county to five is still a small step in the right direction.

Therefore, we strongly support AB 881. To discuss our position on this bill please contact me at 408-984-1196 (mobile) - or John Reiger at reigers@earthlink.net

Sincerely,

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