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To the Office of Senator Hueso:

The California Civil Liberties Advocacy (CCLA) **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill – 6. The CCLA believes that a well-funded Public Defender is essential for all citizens of the United States to have the potential for Due Process. Immigrants within our nation are statistically poorer than others living within this country, but the laws interacting with immigration are amongst the most complex. Greater complexity means both greater time as well as greater knowledge of the field required to adequately defend the case. Therefore, an attempt to adequately fund the Public Defender’s office relating to immigration, is an attempt to bring immigrants comparable rights and protections of the average citizens as the United States Supreme Court has ordered.

The capital cost to the state shall be replaced elsewhere by the long-term economic impact of the individual’s contribution to the California state economy as already expressed by our peers. Furthermore, this bill affords California greater social capital -- clout. The world has its eyes on America right now because of the opposition of California’s policies versus those of the Trump administration. While the state builds a reputation as a place of safety for immigrants within the state and throughout the world, it invests in a greater influx of both immigrants and business drawn by good will.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Senate Committee on Appropriations

*“Indifference to personal liberty is but the precursor of the state’s hostility to it.”  
– Justice Kennedy, U.S. Supreme Court*