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CAOC responds to \$54-billion state budget deficit

Consumer Attorneys call for maintaining courts and other services

SACRAMENTO (May 7, 2020) – The following is a statement by Consumer Attorneys of California President Micha Star Liberty regarding the governor’s announcement of a \$54-billion budget deficit.

“Our state and our individual communities cannot afford a tidal wave of budget cuts to vital programs and resources upon which all Californians depend – but particularly our state’s most vulnerable citizens during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our courts in particular have been struggling to recover from past budget cuts that seriously destabilized a cornerstone of our democracy. From everyday citizens to our biggest businesses, society depends on the effective operation of our courts. New funding cuts would slow civil justice to a crawl, impacting the livelihood of citizens across the spectrum. We urge the federal government to put aside politics and step up with financial assistance to states across the nation suffering under the yoke of the coronavirus pandemic. A swift and effective recovery depends on maintaining the operational vitality of states. Without it, the fiscal malaise will almost certainly outlast the viral threat.”

Consumer Attorneys of California is a professional organization of plaintiffs’ attorneys representing consumers seeking accountability against wrongdoers in cases involving personal injury, product liability, environmental degradation and other causes.

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