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CAOC vows to push with chief for more court funding Kabateck applauds Cantil-Sakauye after "State of Courts" speech

SACRAMENTO (March 11, 2013) – Consumer Attorneys President Brian Kabateck today applauded California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye for her leadership in the fight to reverse the court funding crisis that has pummeled the state's justice system.

"The chief said it like it is: Our courts are suffering, and because of it our citizens and business and our society are suffering," Kabateck said after Cantil-Sakauye concluded her annual "State of the Courts" speech this afternoon before Capitol lawmakers.

Kabateck vowed to carry on the fight alongside the chief for at least a start at restoring some of the \$1.1 billion in general fund revenue that has been cut from the courts over the past five years, in particularly to bring back vital trial courts and legal services that have been slashed.

To that end, Kabateck noted, CAOC has instigated what he has dubbed the "120 Plan," an effort by members of the organization to meet with every single Capitol lawmaker – the 80 in the Assembly and 40 in the Senate – in their individual districts as well as key constitutional officers in a bid to underscore what has been lost in recent years and the vital need to see restoration of courts and programs that have been cut.

"Our courts are truly one of the bedrocks of our democracy, but they have been crushed in recent years by these cuts," Kabateck said. "The result has been justice delayed for everyone, from the biggest businesses trying to settle disputes to our most vulnerable citizens such as battered women and children or the elderly."

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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