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Testimony of Arthur Towers

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In Support of the -1 Amendment to SB 813

Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary
and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the -1 amendment to Senate Bill 813.

The -1 amendment clarifies a law passed in the first Special Session of 2020 which extend timelines for litigation during the pandemic. A judge interpreted the extension of timelines to commence with the effective date of the law (June 30, 2020) – but the intent was to commence the extension of timelines with the declaration of the Covid-19 state of emergency (March 8, 2020).

The intent of HB 4212 was to protect individuals, small businesses, and others from the expiration of certain time limitations during the COVID-19 emergency period.

We urge the adoption of the -1 amendment and the passage of SB 813.