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David W. Hancock, Chairman
Little Hoover Commission
925 L Street, Suite 805
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Dear Mr. Hancock:

The California Federation of Teachers opposes Governor Brown's proposal to move the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) from independent status to under the jurisdiction of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Under this proposal the PERB will no longer be a stand-alone entity, but will instead be aligned with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

We oppose this proposal because it removes independence from PERB. It also creates a potential conflict of interest between the Board and the Agency. Furthermore, it creates an unnecessary bureaucracy for PERB that could lengthen timelines for administration while decreasing input from knowledgeable stakeholders; that is, the PERB would be placed under an Agency secretary who would make decisions for it.

Sincerely,

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President
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