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The Honorable Philip Y. Ting  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1236**

Dear Assemblymember Ting,

The Little Hoover Commission supports AB 1236, the measure you authored that would require all healing arts boards under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Affairs to request demographic information from its licensees and registrants.

In its 2016 report, *Jobs for Californians: Strategies to Ease Occupational Licensing Barriers*, the Commission found that it is difficult to assess the impact of licensing regulations on various demographic groups in California without demographic data for those who work in licensed occupations. While anecdotal reports suggest that minorities are often negatively and disproportionately affected by licensing regulations, it is impossible to know for sure without demographic information. To remedy this, the Commission recommended the Legislature authorize the collection of demographic information, supplied voluntarily, for license applications across all licensed occupations in California.

AB 1236 advances our recommendation by requiring all healing arts boards to request demographic information. For this reason, the Little Hoover Commission supports this bill. If I, the Commission, or our staff can provide any further assistance as this proposal moves through the legislative process, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Pedro Nava  
Chairman

C: Commissioners, Little Hoover Commission

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