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The Honorable Laurie Davies  
1021 O Street, Suite 4720  
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**RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1661**

Dear Assemblymember Davies,

The Little Hoover Commission supports AB 1661, the measure you authored that would require hair, nail, skin care, and other related businesses to post a notice in clear view of the public and employees publicizing human trafficking hotlines a person can call to access help and services.

In its 2020 report, *Labor Trafficking: Strategies to Uncover this Hidden Crime*, the Commission found that eradicating trafficking begins with effective detection – finding this crime wherever and whenever it occurs. Yet detecting labor trafficking is particularly daunting, as few understand the nature of the crime and to the unsuspecting observer, the work itself may appear legitimate. Broadly increasing public awareness of labor trafficking may help improve both victim identification and crime prevention, the Commission learned. To better detect this heinous abuse, the Commission urged California to promote efforts to alert the public to the existence of human trafficking in various sectors and industries.

AB 1661 would carry out this recommendation by increasing awareness of human trafficking in cosmetology businesses. 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

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