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The Honorable Vince Fong
State Capitol, Room 2002
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 410

Dear Assemblymember Fong,

The Little Hoover Commission supports AB 410, the measure you authored that would enact the Nurse Licensure Compact, under which the Board of Registered Nursing and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians would be authorized to issue a multistate license authorizing the holder to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed vocational nurse in all party states under a multistate licensure privilege.

In its 2016 report, *Jobs for Californians: Strategies to Ease Occupational Licensing Barriers*, the Commission found that state licensing requirements make it difficult for many to work in states other than the one in which they received their license. License transferability across state lines is important for those who need immediately to begin working following a move to California and is particularly important to military spouses who move frequently. While current licensing requirements affect anyone who moves to a different state, they often fall hardest on those who can least afford them. To make it easier for licensees to work across state lines, the Commission called on California to require reciprocity for all professionals licensed in other states.

AB 410 would advance this recommendation. 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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