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The Honorable Susan Talamantes Eggman  
State Capitol, Room 4052  
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The Honorable Laura Friedman  
State Capitol, Room 6011  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Blanca Rubio  
State Capitol, Room 5175  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 320**

Dear Senator Eggman, Assemblymember Friedman, and Assemblymember Rubio,

The Little Hoover Commission supports SB 320, the measure you authored that would strengthen family court procedures to ensure that those subject to a domestic violence protective order relinquish their firearms.

In its recent report, *Beyond the Crisis: A Long-Term Approach to Reduce, Prevent, and Recover from Intimate Partner Violence*, the Commission found that it is imperative to remove firearms from the subjects of domestic violence protective orders as quickly as possible. One study found that 20 percent of homicide victims with a temporary protective order were murdered within two days of the order being issued. A third were killed within the month following the order being issued. Yet outdated firearms databases and a lack of specialized personnel hinder California's efforts to remove these weapons from those no longer eligible to possess them. To help protect victims of domestic violence, the Commission urged the state to better enforce its firearms laws and ensure that firearms immediately are removed from those prohibited from owning them.

SB 320 would carry out this recommendation by ensuring that those subject to a domestic violence protective order relinquish their firearms. 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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