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The Honorable Dave Min  
State Capitol, Room 2048  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Susan Rubio  
State Capitol, Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 373**

Dear Senator Min and Senator Rubio,

The Little Hoover Commission supports SB 373, the measure you authored to prohibit debt collectors from collecting or attempting to collect debt from survivors of domestic violence who can provide documentation that the debt was incurred as a result of economic abuse.

In its recent report, *Beyond the Crisis: A Long-Term Approach to Reduce, Prevent, and Recover from Intimate Partner Violence*, the Commission found that many survivors of abuse face overwhelming amounts of debt from credit cards and loans taken out in their name without their permission, and consequently struggle to establish a life away from their abuser. Helping survivors establish economic independence is essential to their ability to successfully leave an abusive relationship. Among its recommendations, the Commission called for the creation of a program that collaborates with credit bureaus and financial institutions to help survivors understand their financial picture, recover from damage to their finances and credit, and protect against future economic abuse.

We believe SB 373 would implement part of our recommendation by helping survivors recover from damage to their credit. For this reason, the Little Hoover Commission supports SB 373. 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