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The Honorable Brian W. Jones  
State Capitol, Room 4088  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 584**

Dear Senator Jones,

The Little Hoover Commission supports SB 584, the measure you authored that would require resource family training to include child labor trafficking education for foster parents caring for children who have experienced, or are at risk of experiencing, human trafficking.

In its 2020 report, *Labor Trafficking: Strategies to Uncover this Hidden Crime*, the Commission found that existing laws designed to protect child victims of human trafficking focus far more on sex trafficking than labor trafficking. While efforts to combat sex trafficking among children are vital and must continue, it is imperative that labor trafficking among children be combatted just as aggressively. To ensure child victims of all forms of trafficking are protected by California law, the Commission recommended lawmakers update existing laws that address human trafficking of commercially sexually exploited children to expand protections to children who are exploited for other forms of labor.

SB 584 would carry out this recommendation and help foster families provide crucial support and protection to child victims of labor trafficking. For this reason, the Little Hoover Commission supports SB 584. 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