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The Honorable Susan Rubio
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RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 914

Dear Senator Rubio,

The Little Hoover Commission supports SB 914, the measure you authored that would require the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to set and measure progress toward goals to prevent and end homelessness among domestic violence survivors and their children and among unaccompanied women in California.

In its 2021 report, *Beyond the Crisis: A Long-Term Approach to Reduce, Prevent, and Recover from Intimate Partner Violence*, the Commission learned that domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women. Despite this, service providers and advocates have difficulty in getting leaders in all levels of government to understand the intersection of domestic violence and homelessness and the breadth of the problem. Advocates told the Commission that domestic violence shelters are often seen as an answer to a problem—a place where other agencies can stick people and free up space elsewhere. Less often are they invited to be part of the strategizing and policymaking to form the state's approach to homelessness and housing instability. To make a difference, the Commission called on California to give domestic violence experts a seat at the table.

SB 914 would advance our recommendation and seek to prevent and reduce homelessness among domestic violence survivors and their children. For this reason, the Little Hoover Commission supports SB 914. 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
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