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The Honorable Dave Min  
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**RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 863**

Dear Senator Min,

The Little Hoover Commission supports SB 863, the measure you authored that would authorize county interagency domestic violence death review teams to assist local agencies in identifying and reviewing domestic violence near-death cases.

In its 2021 report, *Beyond the Crisis: A Long-Term Approach to Reduce, Prevent, and Recover from Intimate Partner Violence*, the Commission found that California needs more accurate data to successfully address intimate partner violence. Specifically, the Commission learned that California does not have a complete understanding of the full scope and impact of intimate partner violence on Californians. Nor does the state know the effectiveness of its main programs for intimate partner violence survivors. To facilitate evidence-based decision making, the Commission recommended that California create a framework for data collection and analysis to evaluate the effectiveness of the methods the state is using to combat intimate partner violence. Further, the Commission urged state leaders to not be afraid to change course if the evidence indicates current methods are not working.

We believe SB 863 would implement part of our recommendation by helping the state find patterns in system failures, which would provide decision-makers valuable information on how to adapt state programs and policies to better serve survivors. For this reason, the Little Hoover Commission supports SB 863. 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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