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The Honorable Dave Min  
1021 O Street, Suite 6710  
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**RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 935**

Dear Senator Min,

The Little Hoover Commission supports SB 935, the measure you authored that would clarify language regarding domestic violence restraining orders to explicitly allow a party to renew those orders.

In its 2021 report, *Beyond the Crisis: A Long-Term Approach to Reduce, Prevent, and Recover from Intimate Partner Violence*, the Commission learned that many survivors are in crisis by the time they reach out for help. Further, the state's resources for addressing intimate partner violence, are mostly directed towards crisis intervention instead of prevention and early intervention. The state does far too little to interrupt the cycle of abuse before it reaches a crisis stage. To strengthen California's response to this heinous crime, the Commission recommended that the state develop a comprehensive long-term intimate partner violence prevention and early intervention action plan. The Commission also urged the state to integrate its antiviolence initiative into every segment of society.

We believe SB 935 would implement part of our recommendation by strengthening one of the few existing tools used to prevent additional violence against victims. For this reason, the Little Hoover Commission supports SB 935. 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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