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The Honorable Tina McKinnor
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RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1028

Dear Assemblymember McKinnor,

The Little Hoover Commission supports AB 1028, the measure you authored that would require a health practitioner who suspects that a patient has suffered physical injury that is caused by domestic violence to provide counseling, education, or other support, and a warm handoff or referral to domestic violence or sexual violence advocacy services.

In its 2021 report, *Beyond the Crisis: A Long-Term Approach to Reduce, Prevent, and Recover from Intimate Partner Violence*, the Commission recommended that the state prioritize often overlooked groups who suffer from intimate partner violence. During the report's study process, the Commission also found that many individuals who are suspicious of law enforcement will avoid seeking medical treatment and thus are part of a group that is overlooked.

AB 1028 would further the goals of the Commission's recommendations. For this reason, the Little Hoover Commission supports this bill. 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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