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The Honorable Timothy S. Grayson
 1021 O Street, Suite 5510
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The Honorable Blanca E. Rubio
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RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1149

Dear Assemblymembers Grayson and Rubio,

The Little Hoover Commission supports 1149, the measure you authored that would establish the California Multidisciplinary Alliance to Stop Trafficking Act Task Force. This Task Force would examine collaborative models to combat trafficking, evaluate the state’s progress on this issue, and provide recommendations for further work against human trafficking.

In its 2020 report, *Human Trafficking: Coordinating a California Response*, the Commission found that while a variety of state agencies play a role in combatting human trafficking, no coordinated strategy exists to target this crime statewide. Better combatting this heinous abuse, the Commission learned, requires a mechanism to coordinate the efforts of all relevant government agencies – at the state and local level, and with federal partners – and the critical organizations that work on-the-ground to identify victims and help survivors. To help California carry out this critical work, the Commission recommended the creation of a statewide Anti-Human Trafficking Council to build and enhance collaboration among communities throughout the state, study and improve services for victims and survivors of all forms of human trafficking and assist in the successful prosecution of human traffickers.

AB 1149 would carry out this recommendation by creating a statewide organization designed to strengthen California’s response to human trafficking. 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
 Chairman

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