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The Honorable Blanca E. Rubio
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RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 479

Dear Assemblymember Rubio,

The Little Hoover Commission supports AB 479, the measure you authored that would extend provisions, until July 1, 2026, that authorize the Counties of Napa, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Yolo to offer an alternative program for individuals convicted of domestic violence. The extension would mean that the aforementioned counties may continue to offer alternative programs if the program includes evidence-based or promising practices and if the offender's treatment within the program is based on the findings of a risk and needs assessment.

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 should review its requirements for batterer intervention program to determine if they facilitate rehabilitation. The Commission also recommended that the state should begin a process to determine how to tailor rehabilitative services to an individual's needs.

AB 479 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
Chairman

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