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The Honorable Ted Lieu, Chair
Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development
State Capitol Building, Room 2053
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez, Holden) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lieu:

The Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, The Los Angeles Police Protective League and the Riverside Sheriffs' Association, representing over 21,000 rank and file law enforcement officers in southern California, are pleased to support AB 1147 which revises the current laws regarding massage therapy and specifically targets human trafficking.

The current law regulating massage therapy businesses makes it difficult for city officials and law enforcement to monitor these businesses. Even if an employee at a massage business is found to be involved in illegal work, the business owner can go unpunished.

AB 1147 will provide tougher restrictions for massage licensing, including holding business owners accountable for the actions of their employees.

We urge your support for this important bill.

Very truly yours,

Timothy H. B. Yaryan
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cc: Consultants, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development
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