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The Honorable Ted W. Lieu
Chair, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
State Capitol, Room 2053
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**Re: AB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez, Holden) – Massage Therapy
As amended 4/23/14 – SUPPORT IN CONCEPT
Set for hearing 6/23/14 – Senate Business, Professions and Economic
Development Committee**

Dear Senator Lieu,

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), I am writing to support in concept AB 1147, by Assembly Members Bonilla, Holden and Gomez. CSAC shares the concerns of many local governments regarding the existing statutes governing the massage therapy industry. Current law is susceptible to abuse by the operators of illicit massage establishments and therefore interferes with local governments' fundamental powers to regulate land use and protect the health and safety of all residents.

Assembly Bill 1147 strikes a better balance between competing interests and will restore legitimate and reasonable local land use and public health regulations for massage establishments. CSAC understands that the authors intend to amend the bill to address specific issues raised by individual counties.

For these reasons, CSAC supports AB 1147 in concept and looks forward to supporting the amended version of the bill. We are thankful to the authors for their willingness to consider county concerns through this important legislation. If you have any questions about CSAC's position, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 327-7500 ext. 566 or kbuss@counties.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kiana Buss".

Kiana Buss
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Susan Bonilla, California State Assembly
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