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The Honorable Susan Bonilla
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4140
Sacramento, California 94249

RE: Strong Support for AB 1147 (Bonilla) – Massage Therapy

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

On behalf of the City of Camarillo, I would like to express our **strong support** for AB 1147. This bill would completely revise and recast the law pertaining to massage therapy.

While we credit the California Massage Therapy Council's (CAMTC) intent to establish professional standards for massage therapists and massage businesses, the passage of SB 731 (2008) has allowed illicit and criminal activity to proliferate under the appearance of massage therapy. Police Departments from various cities have had to run numerous undercover sting operations to deal with growing problems of prostitution and human trafficking. Additionally, there are huge costs not only in police resources and budget, but also in quality of life for the businesses and residents of California. This issue receives considerable media coverage and the public's awareness and concern are clear.

As amended, AB 1147 will return land use control to local governments. It will authorize cities to adopt ordinances that require massage establishments to comply with reasonable health and safety requirements and hours of operation. Although it does not replace CAMTC with a public board or commission, an action we would fully endorse, it does reconstitute CAMTC's board, providing some measure of transparency and accountability.

For these reasons, the City of Camarillo **strongly supports** AB 1147. Thank you for your leadership on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Feng
City Manager

cc: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
Assembly Member Jeff Gorell
Camarillo City Council

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