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The Honorable Ted Lieu
Chair, Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1147 (Gomez): Massage Therapy (SUPPORT)

Dear Senator Lieu:

The City of Glendale is pleased to support AB 1147, which would require massage professionals to pass a massage and bodywork competency assessment examination.

SB 731 (Oropeza, 2008) created the voluntary certification of massage professionals which is set to sunset on January 1, 2015. We support AB 1147 as a potential vehicle to incorporate changes that would provide cities with the much needed tools to be able to address illicit massage establishments.

We believe that this legislation is an important step in reducing the incidences of human trafficking and prostitution. For these reasons, the City of Glendale hopes that your Committee will support AB 1147.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zareh Sinanyan".

Zareh Sinanyan, Mayor
City of Glendale

Cc: Assembly Member Gomez