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The Honorable Susan Bonilla
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via Fax: (916) 319-2114

RE: **AB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez, Holden) Massage Therapy Act of 2014.** *(As amended on April 23, 2014)*
Notice of SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

The City of Ontario supports your AB 1147, which would completely revise and recast the law pertaining to massage therapy, including returning land use control back to the cities.

AB 1147 allows local governments to enact ordinances that would require a certificated massage establishment to obtain a license, permit or other authorization as long as that license, permit or other authorization is required of any other individual or business providing professional services. Having this authority returned will allow local governments to prevent businesses operating under the auspices of massage therapy from engaging in prostitution and human trafficking.

Since the adoption of SB 731, there has been a proliferation of massage establishments, some of which are operating legitimate businesses, while others serve as locations for illicit activities. AB 1147 will assist Ontario in supporting and promoting those legitimate businesses while providing local control to address those operating outside the law.

For these reasons, the City of Ontario supports AB 1147.

Sincerely,


PAUL S. LEON
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