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Honorable Kevin de León, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1147 (Bonilla) Massage Therapy – Support

Dear Senator de León,

The City of Sacramento wishes to express its support for Assembly Bill 1147 (Bonilla) which allows local governments to enact ordinances that would require a certified 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/or human trafficking.

Having the ability to regulate massage establishments in the same way in which we are able to regulate other professional services will lead to better service for the public and a reduction in crime. The current system is inadequate to handle the proliferation of these establishments and to ensure the safety of both workers and patrons.

For all of these reasons, and with our colleagues at the League of California Cities, the City of Sacramento offers its strong support for AB 1147. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. If you have any questions regarding our position, please contact Randi L. Knott, Intergovernmental Relations Officer at (916) 808-5771.

Sincerely,

Jay Schenirer, Vice Mayor
Chair, Law & Legislation Committee

cc: Honorable Darrell Steinberg, President Pro Tem
Honorable Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee
Charles Anderson, Sacramento Region, League of CA Cities