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Date

The Honorable Blanca Rubio, Chair  
Assembly Human Services Committee  
State Capitol, Room  
Sacramento, CA

**Re: AB 2702 (McCarty)- Support**

Dear Assembly Member Rubio,

On behalf of (Organization Name), we are pleased to support AB 2702, as proposed to be amended. AB 2702 will modernize the TrustLine Registry, so that agencies required to use TrustLine, like nanny agencies, health clubs/gyms, and companies that coordinate drivers for unaccompanied children, can have their nannies or staff apply and receive their results online.

(Insert a few sentences about your agency and/or your experience/the importance of TrustLine to your agency)

The TrustLine Registry was established by the California Legislature over 30 years ago as California's robust background check of license-exempt caregivers. As of March of 2018, there have been over 450,000 applicants to TrustLine since its inception in the late 1980's. Of those applicants, 18% have been denied registration on TrustLine because of criminal or child abuse histories. On average, 5 applicants each month are denied registration on TrustLine because they have a serious felony conviction (i.e. murder, manslaughter, kidnapping, registered sex offense) in their past.

**AB 2702 will require that all organizations required to utilize TrustLine have online access to the CDSS web-based TrustLine application, and that all consumers can confirm an applicant's TrustLine status by searching the TrustLine Registry using the CDSS website.**

Currently, in order for people who are not paid through state and federal subsidy dollars to apply for the TrustLine Registry, they must submit a paper application and a check or money order to California Department of Social Services. The time it takes for the paper application to travel via mail to Sacramento, and the time it takes to process the application at CDSS creates delays that can allow individuals with criminal or child abuse histories to provide care for children as businesses await the results, postpones the hiring of staff, and delays individuals from being paid. Further, results of the background check are sent via mail.

AB 2702 would modernize the process by:

1. Expanding the existing on-line TrustLine web-based application process to include all agencies required to use TrustLine.

2. Enabling the CDSS Web site to allow consumers to confirm the registration status of TrustLine applicants. Currently CDSS provides this service for the Home Care Aide Registry applicants and consumers established via Health and Safety Code 1796.29.

These changes will go a long way towards protecting the health and safety of California's children, provide consumers with easier access to TrustLine, and support businesses required to use TrustLine. For these reasons, we encourage your "aye" vote.

Sincerely,

**Insert your signature**

cc: Assembly Member McCarty  
Members of the Assembly Human Services Committee