



March 2, 2016

The Honorable Patty Lopez
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5160
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Re: AB 2036 (Lopez) – Sponsor and Support

Dear Assemblywoman Lopez,

The California Child Care Resource & Referral Network (Network) is honored to sponsor AB 2036. We write this letter to detail our support of this legislation and highlight why it's important that AB 2036 becomes law. AB 2036 requires companies that host job posting websites for license-exempt child care providers (nannies and babysitters) to post a statement about California's Trustline Registry (H&S Code 1596.60) and, if the online job posting company provides access to a background check, a written description of the background check provided by the contracted background check service provider.

In recent years, how parents find child care providers has changed. When parents begin their child care search, many begin online and use the search terms "babysitter" or "nanny." The majority of websites provided by the search engines are online child care job posting services. Many of these companies advertise that their providers have passed background checks leading a child care consumer to believe that they are making the most informed and safest decisions about the individual(s) they hire to care for their child(ren). However, these companies' background checks are typically conducted by a 3rd party background check service. It is difficult for child care consumers using the online job posting sites to determine what the background check includes and does not include. And, without these websites providing information about TrustLine, parents are often unaware that they can use California's Trustline Registry to run a background check on their babysitter or nanny, which has access to fingerprint records at the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and access to the California Child Abuse Central Index housed at DOJ.

AB 2036 is an important step towards protecting children in license-exempt child care situations and giving child care consumers the information, resources and tools they need to help them make the most informed decisions about the individual(s) they hire to care for their child(ren).

The California Child Care Resource & Referral Network thanks you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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