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The Honorable Fiona Ma
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 300 (Ma)** – As amended June 30, 2011 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Ma:

The County of San Bernardino supports AB 300. This legislation establishes minimum statewide health and oversight standards for the regulation of practitioners engaged in the business of tattooing, body piercing and the application of permanent cosmetics in California.

Despite requirements in existing law and repeated calls from both health practitioners and established body art professional trade associations, California still does not have enforceable statewide standards that are sufficiently detailed for consistent and effective local enforcement. The current lack of enforceable statewide standards puts public health at risk, provides an uneven playing field for the industry and does not accommodate reciprocity between local jurisdictions of registered practitioners.

AB 300, which would be entirely fee supported, ensures that statewide standards are not only protective of public health, but are fair and reasonably enforceable. AB 300 will protect the public through the mitigation of potentially serious public health risks associated with unregulated body art by requiring practitioners to register with their local county and comply with requirements related to vaccinations, blood borne pathogens training, sanitation and site inspections.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is in support of AB 300. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, the County's Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES, Chair
Board of Supervisors