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May 12, 2025

Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Director Department of Finance 1021 O Street, Suite 3110 Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated May 1, 2025, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to Item 9840-001-0494, Provisions 3 and 6 in the *2024-25 Budget Act*, of a request from the Department of Consumer Affairs to augment the budgets of four boards and commissions by \$1,779,000 to address unanticipated expenditures associated with investigations, enforcement and litigation. You requested JLBC waive the 30-day review period.

The additional spending authority will cover litigation expenses and higher costs associated with consumer protection activities conducted by the California State Athletic Commission, the Contractors State License Board, the Physician Assistant Board and the Podiatric Medical Board of California. As stated in your letter, the four boards and commissions have sufficient special fund balances to cover the additional costs.

I have reviewed the notification letter and concur with the request. In addition, I approve your request to waive the remainder of the 30-day review period.

Sincerely,

Scott Wiener

Scott Wiener Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

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