



April 16, 2009

The Honorable Gloria Negrete McCleod  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2059  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: SB 389 – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Negrete McCleod:

On behalf of the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind (Board), we would like to express our **SUPPORT** position for SB 389. An even-handed approach to licensee ethics and standards is necessary for our Board to provide the highest level of consumer protection. We believe all licensed professionals should be held to the same fingerprinting requirements. Therefore, the Board is supportive of retroactive fingerprinting. We look forward to resolution on your bill and our Board is able to develop regulations in accordance.

Should you have any questions regarding our position, please feel free to contact me at (916) 574-7825. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Antonette Sorrick*

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