



April 4, 2013

The Honorable Curren Price
Chair, Senate Committee on Business Professions and Economic Development
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 822 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) -
SUPPORT

Dear Senator Price:

The State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind (Board) is writing in **support** of SB 822 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) which would eliminate the requirement for the Board to meet to conduct examinations and remove trademarked terminology ("seeing eye dog") from the Guide Dog Act (Act).

In 2005, the Board conducted an Occupational Analysis which created a legally defensible examination involving subject matter experts, as opposed to Board Members, for purposes of conducting instructor examinations. Additionally, the Act utilizes the term "seeing eye dog" which is a trademarked term for the Seeing Eye Dog School in New Jersey. These changes update the Act to be more current with examination standards and industry terminology.

For the reasons mentioned above, the Board is supportive of SB 822. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the information provided above, please feel free to contact me at (916) 574-7825. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas B. Scott".

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