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The Honorable Councilmember Jeannine Pierce Long Beach City Hall 333 West Ocean Blvd Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Councilmember Pierce:

We are contacting you on behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation, also known as BizFed. BizFed is an alliance of over 170 business organizations who represent over 390,000 employers with 3.5 million employees in Los Angeles County.

We have enjoyed our successful partnerships with the City of Long Beach and its elected leadership to improve the economy and help lift Long Beach's most vulnerable residents out of poverty.

However, we write today to express our disappointment at your decision to walk out of a recent Long Beach City Council meeting during a discussion to address giving hotel workers panic buttons. The meeting was an opportunity to solve a public safety issue that particularly affects some of the most vulnerable workers in our communities. Regardless of your reasoning to walk out on the item (an item you championed in the past) we believe all elected officials have a duty to their citizens to hear and participate in the council deliberation and voting process. We believe the decision between you and your colleagues to walk out was irresponsible and we hope you will reconsider before doing so again in the future.

BizFed supports elected officials who protect the business climate and economic opportunities, while also responsibly serving their constituents in the process. This decision to walk out did neither. Please know we will keep it in mind for the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Hernandez at thernandez@bizfed.org.

Sincerely,

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