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The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson
L.A. City Council President
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File 14-1371-S13: Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance (LWO)/Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance (LA HWMO)/Wage Increase/Health Care Credit/Public Housekeeping Training/Amendments

Dear Council,

I am writing on behalf of Mama Shelter Los Angeles to express my concern regarding the impact of the proposed Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance.

The Los Angeles tourism industry has not returned to pre-pandemic levels. Lower hotel room occupancy, as well as increasing operating costs have many hotels struggling to maintain a profit. The ordinance as proposed would create a detrimental financial burden requiring many to reduce services, eliminate staff, or cease operations.

Prior to advancing this, I implore you to seek additional independent third-party studies and carefully review the potential implications of this ordinance.

Sincerely,



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