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The CBC has worked tirelessly to combine the most effective assets of California's private certification systems with the enforcement and oversight powers of a designated "single state agency" ([Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs ADP](#)). The CBC model would have utilized the current, efficient and cost effective infrastructure developed over the past two decades by keeping the state's counselor preparation and testing organizations (CPTOs) intact. We collectively believe it would have improved upon this system by giving the Department the statutory authority to issue certifications and licenses to counselors and to regulate CPTOs. By doing so, consumers, family members and employers would have experienced improved consumer protection, standardized complaint and enforcement standards and increased professionalism.

Unfortunately this is to inform you that Legislative procedural hurdles prevented SB 1203 from advancing to a final vote for passage this year. However, please know that the efforts of the sponsors, members, and supporters of CAADAC, Breining and CAARR (CBC) have blazed a new path for future changes within the state of California. "All is not for naught because this was an invaluable experience and in all sincerity it was an awesome experience to work side by side with the best minds in the counselor field and I look forward to keeping the momentum going" said Susan Blacksher, Executive Director of CAARR.

Furthermore, Rhonda Messamore, Executive Director of CAADAC stated "We have built a strong relationship and coalition which will bring the goal of higher standards and licensure to fruition; we will continue to push forward toward that end."

CBC would like to acknowledge [Senator Mark DeSaulnier](#) and his staff for their hard work and dedication to increase standards for our profession and ensure consumer protection.

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Throughout this process, CBC Members and supporters have sent our unified message regarding the need for higher standards and we are confident it has been heard loud and clear by legislators and the governor's office. Most believe it is only a matter of time before this specific type of legislation will become a reality. We will continue to explore our options and will continue the tremendous progress we've made thus far.

CBC is grateful to each of their respective members, advocates and supporters for moving into action immediately. Your efforts were not lost, your message is clear— California needs to keep up with the times and the time is now! We encourage continued advocacy locally and statewide!

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