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Comments: As an attorney of 30+ years, I stand in support of SB154 (as well as SB153). Attorneys should not be required to be members of a trade association. HSBA should not be afraid of only having voluntary membership. If it is responsive to the needs of attorneys, attorneys will join. I previously practiced in a State that did not have mandatory membership and I joined because of the benefits. I have not heard any good reason given by the bar as to why membership should be mandatory. The bar and the judiciary need to take steps to promote public trust and confidence in both of these SEPARATE institutions, and this is one step in that direction.

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