



May 26, 2026

The Honorable Maggy Krell
1021 O Street, Suite 5230
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 1854 (Krell) — Neutral as amended on May 18, 2026

Dear Assemblymember Krell:

Hospitals are deeply committed to protecting patient privacy and safeguarding confidential health information, particularly for sensitive services such as reproductive and gender-affirming care.

The California Hospital Association (CHA), on behalf of nearly 400 hospitals and health systems, appreciates your engagement — as well as the sponsor's — on Assembly Bill (AB) 1854. As amended, AB 1854 no longer applies to hospitals and health care providers, addressing CHA's concerns with prior versions of the bill. For these reasons, **CHA is now neutral on AB 1854.**

Thank you for working with stakeholders throughout the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa Gonzalez".

Vanessa Gonzalez
Vice President, State Advocacy

Cc: The Honorable Members of the California State Assembly