



June 1, 2026

The Honorable Thomas Umberg
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O St., Suite 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 2179 (Patel) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Umberg:

Protecting health care workers from workplace violence is a priority for California's hospitals. Current law gives hospitals several ways to protect workers from harm, including the ability to seek a temporary restraining order on behalf of an employee who has faced violence or a credible threat while on the job.

For these reasons, the California Hospital Association (CHA), on behalf of nearly 400 hospitals and health systems, supports Assembly Bill (AB) 2179 (Patel, D-San Diego), which would strengthen existing workplace violence protections by allowing no-cost remote court appearances and electronic filing of petitions for health care workers seeking protections.

These improvements are especially important for hospitals. Health care workers may face significant barriers to attending in-person court hearings due to work schedules, family commitments, or concerns about personal safety. Allowing remote participation and electronic filing would help ensure that victims and witnesses can engage in the legal process without compromising their own well-being.

AB 2179 would strengthen the ability of California hospitals to protect its employees from workplace violence and credible threats and ensure they feel safe and protected while delivering patient care.

For these reasons, **CHA requests your "YES" vote on AB 2179.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathryn" and the last name "Scott" clearly visible.

Kathryn Scott
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cc: The Honorable Darshana Patel
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