



April 15, 2026

The Honorable Nick Schultz
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2405 (Gipson) – Support

Dear Assemblymember Schultz:

There is no greater priority for California’s hospitals than providing timely, appropriate care to all who come to an emergency department (ED). EDs remain open and provide care to all patients at all times. With ED visits at an all-time high — and approximately 2.1 million Californians estimated to lose health coverage by 2034 because of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) — ensuring equitable, timely, and consistent access to emergency care is more essential than ever. **On behalf of nearly 400 hospitals and health systems, the California Hospital Association (CHA) supports Assembly Bill (AB) 2405 (Gipson D-Gardena), which would reduce unsafe, inequitable delays in care for vulnerable patients.**

Law enforcement agencies are not uniformly guided by statewide medical transport standards, resulting in inconsistent and discretionary practices across California. AB 2405 would clarify practices by requiring that law enforcement officers who transport an individual to an ED go to the nearest appropriate facility, with exceptions for specialized care needs and alternate destinations such as behavioral health facilities, detox centers, or sobering centers. This would ensure patients transported by law enforcement get the care they need as quickly as possible.

For these reasons, CHA requests your “YES” vote on AB 2405.

Sincerely,

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

Vanessa Gonzalez
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: The Honorable Mike Gibson
The Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
Kimberly Horiuchi, Counsel, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Gary Olson, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus