



July 9, 2025

The Honorable Anna Caballero  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 7620  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB 440 (Ramos) — SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Caballero:

Every day, California hospital emergency departments treat patients experiencing suicidal thoughts or injuries from self-harm — in fact, self-harm is now the third leading cause of injury-related emergency department visits. Given the growing number of individuals at risk of suicide, the California Hospital Association (CHA) supports efforts to improve safety measures and protect lives.

**That's why CHA, on behalf of nearly 400 hospitals and health systems, supports Assembly Bill (AB) 440, which would require the state Office of Suicide Prevention to collaborate with the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to identify cost-effective strategies to reduce suicides and suicide attempts on the state's bridges and roadways.**

This bill does not impose major costs on either the Office of Suicide Prevention or Caltrans, nor does it obligate the state to pay for immediate construction of suicide mitigation structures on bridges and roadways. AB 440 simply requires the two state agencies to collaborate and prepare a report identifying strategies that have the potential to reduce suicides and suicide attempts.

For these reasons, **CHA requests your "YES" vote on AB 440.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Leah Barros", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Leah Barros  
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cc: The Honorable James C. Ramos  
The Honorable Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee  
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