



March 28, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Arreguín
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee
1020 N Street, Room 545
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 691 (Wahab) – SUPPORT IF AMENDED

Dear Senator Arreguín:

The California Hospital Association (CHA) and its 400 member hospitals and health systems are strongly committed to protecting patient privacy. CHA commends Senator Aisha Wahab for introducing Senate Bill (SB) 691, which would require law enforcement agencies with body-worn camera policies to update them to prohibit recording individuals receiving medical treatment. This bill represents an important step in safeguarding patient privacy and dignity. CHA fully supports this enhanced protection.

The bill also requires law enforcement officers to stop recording a person undergoing medical treatment if requested by *emergency medical services* personnel. CHA has requested an amendment to the bill that would require law enforcement officers to stop recording a person undergoing medical treatment if requested by *hospital* personnel.

For these reasons, CHA would support SB 691 if amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Farouk", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Farouk
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: Senator Aisha Wahab
Honorable Members of the Senate Public Safety Committee
Alex Barnett, Consultant, Senate Public Safety Committee
Eric Csizmar, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus