



May 24, 2022

The Honorable Akilah Weber  
California State Assembly  
1021 O St., Room 4130  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB 2185 (Weber) – Neutral**

Dear Dr. Weber:

As you know, domestic violence is a major public health problem that affects millions of people and often results in physical and emotional injuries and even death. The California Hospital Association (CHA) is proud of hospitals' role in caring for survivors of domestic violence, both in treating any injuries that may incur and in performing forensic exams to collect evidence for use in investigations and, hopefully, later prosecution. We applaud your efforts to standardize best practices and increase access to medical evidentiary examinations for victims of domestic violence.

Hospitals understand the sensitive nature of domestic violence forensic reports and appreciate your working with us to make the confidentiality language in the bill workable for all parties involved. With the May 19, 2022, amendments to the bill, CHA has taken a "netural" position on AB 2185.

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn Austin Scott  
Senior Vice President, State Advocacy and Relations