



March 23, 2023

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

SUBJECT: SB 487 (Atkins) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Umberg:

California's hospitals are committed to protecting and expanding access to health care for all who need it. However, the COVID-19 pandemic placed unprecedented strain on the state's health care workforce, necessitating new investments and other policy changes to ensure Californians can access care. Now, policy changes outside of California are placing access to reproductive health care services at risk and threatening providers who act within their scope of practice.

This is why the California Hospital Association (CHA), on behalf of its more than 400 hospital and health system members, supports Senate Bill (SB) 487. It would protect patients from out-of-state efforts aimed at limiting access to reproductive health care services and ensure that providers can continue to deliver these services. By preventing health plans and insurers, as well as the Medi-Cal program, from penalizing providers who deliver reproductive health care services that are consistent with California law, SB 487 would protect Californians' access to this care.

For these reasons, CHA requests your "AYE" vote on SB 487.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rony Berdugo", is written in a cursive style.

Rony Berdugo
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: The Honorable Toni Atkins
The Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee
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