



June 14, 2023

The Honorable Susan Eggman
Chair, Senate Health Committee
1021 O St., Room 3310
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1057 (Weber) – Support

Dear Senator Eggman:

Maternal and infant health disparities are a key indicator of social and racial inequity. Hospitals in California are on the front line of treating parents and their children and understand how a lack of resources for underserved families affects health outcomes.

For these reasons, **the California Hospital Association, on behalf of more than 400 hospitals and health systems, is writing in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 1057.** This bill would codify the existing California Home Visiting Program to support pregnant people, and parents with young children, who live in communities that face greater risks and barriers to positive maternal and child health outcomes.

Hospitals have long supported home visiting programs because they pair families with trained professionals who provide ongoing information and support services in the families' homes during pregnancy and up to three or more years after the child's birth.

In Los Angeles, for example, the Welcome Baby Program works with hospitals to offer both hospital and home-based services for pregnant women, mothers, and their families. Today, 13 hospitals participate in this program in Los Angeles alone, providing home visiting resources at no cost. Expanding access to these types of programs will ensure continued progress to improve the lives of children and families and to bridge gaps created by discrimination and social inequity.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your "aye" vote on AB 1057, and we thank the author for her leadership on this important issue. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at vgonzalez@calhospital.org.

Sincerely,

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

Vanessa Gonzalez,
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: The Honorable Akilah Weber
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