

August 29, 2024

Position: **Vote YES on AB 98**

To: The Honorable Members of the California State Senate

From: Mark Farouk, Vice President, State Advocacy

AB 98 (Juan Carrillo & Reyes) – Support

California's hospitals share the concerns of the authors and other stakeholders regarding the adverse health impacts of warehouse developments near residential communities due to emissions from logistics activities. Without clear guidelines, these developments can occur next to health care facilities including hospitals. Research has shown that communities near large warehouse developments have significantly higher risk of developing asthma and other life-threatening health conditions.

For these reasons, the California Hospital Association, on behalf of more than 400 hospitals and health systems, supports Assembly Bill (AB) 98, which would establish reasonable impact mitigation requirements for warehouse developments near “sensitive receptors” which, as defined, includes hospitals and the patients they treat from surrounding residential communities.

AB 98 is a reasonable and thoughtful approach to a complex issue that will protect public health and ensure a resilient and responsible logistics economy.

For these reasons, CHA urges your AYE vote on AB 98.