



LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH CARE

June 19, 2008

The Honorable Sheila Kuehl  
Chair, Senate Health Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2191  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2702 (Núñez)**  
**LACMA Position: OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Sheila Kuehl:

The Los Angeles County Medical Association strongly opposes AB 2702 (Núñez), a bill that allows physicians providing services in certain standby emergency rooms to receive reimbursement from Proposition 99 (The Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act of 1988) and Maddy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) funds.

AB 2702 would shift approximately \$500,000 from Prop 99 and Maddy EMS funds to reimburse physicians that do not receive paramedic/ambulance patients. Furthermore, this would put pressure on already financially strapped hospitals, and may threaten the ability to maintain physician coverage in basic and comprehensive Emergency Departments.

**The Los Angeles County Medical Association strongly opposes AB 2702 and respectfully asks for your “NAY” vote.**

Sincerely,

David H. Aizuss, M.D.  
President, Los Angeles County Medical Association

cc: Members of the Senate Health Committee  
Peter Hansel, Chief Consultant, Senate Health Committee



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April 4, 2008

The Honorable Mervyn Dymally  
Chair, Assembly Health Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6005  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2715 (Levine)**  
**LACMA Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Dymally:

The Los Angeles County Medical Association is pleased to support AB 2715 (Levine), an urgency measure which would require an owner or operator of a for-profit hospital to maintain the same level of care as the preceding year. It would also prohibit them from decreasing the total expenditures of a hospital by more than 10 percent from the prior year's expenditures without approval of the California Department of Public Health.

AB 2715 would help ensure the provision of continued services by acute care hospitals in many Los Angeles County communities. This is especially true of the San Fernando Valley, as the closure of three regional hospitals and the reduction of services at other nearby hospitals has significantly impacted residents' access to health care.

**The Los Angeles County Medical Association strongly supports AB 2715 and asks for your "AYE" vote.**

Sincerely,

David H. Aizuss, M.D.  
President, Los Angeles County Medical Association

cc: Assembly Health Committee  
Tania Robinson-Taylor, Consultant, Senate Health Committee



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**RE: SB 1688 (Ridley-Thomas)**  
**LACMA Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Kuehl:

The Los Angeles County Medical Association is pleased to support SB 1688 (Ridley Thomas), which would require an owner or operator of a for-profit hospital to maintain the same level of care as the preceding year. It would also prohibit them from decreasing the total expenditures for a hospital by more than 10 percent from the prior year's expenditures without approval of the California Department of Public Health.

AB 2715 would help ensure the provision of continued services by acute care hospitals in many Los Angeles County communities. This is especially true of the San Fernando Valley, as the closure of three regional hospitals and reductions of services at other nearby hospitals, has significantly impacted residents' access to health care.

**The Los Angeles County Medical Association strongly supports SB 1688 and asks for your "AYE" vote.**

Sincerely,

David Aizuss, M.D.  
President, Los Angeles County Medical Association

cc: Members of the Senate Health Committee  
Peter Hansel, Chief Consultant, Senate Health Committee



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**RE: SB 1734 (Kuehl)**  
**LACMA Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Kuehl:

The Los Angeles County Medical Association supports SB 1734 (Kuehl), which would prohibit a real estate investment trust that leases property to a hospital from amending the lease or selling the property to a for-profit hospital operator if the action would result in a reduction of care or closure of the hospital.

SB 1734 would help ensure continued services by acute care hospitals in the San Fernando Valley by creating a process to reach a resolution of the dispute between the Tenet Health Care Corporation (Tenet) and the Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center (ETRMC). This is especially important in the San Fernando Valley as the closure of three regional hospitals and reductions of services at other nearby hospitals has significantly impacted residents' access to health care in the area.

**The Los Angeles County Medical Association strongly supports SB 1734 and asks for your "AYE" vote.**

Sincerely,

David Aizuss, M.D.  
President, Los Angeles County Medical Association

cc: Members of the Senate Health Committee  
Peter Hansel, Chief Consultant, Senate Health Committee