



“CHANGE OF POSITION”

September 2, 2021

TO: Members, California State Assembly

**SUBJECT: AB 654 (REYES) COVID-19: EXPOSURE: NOTIFICATION
WITHDRAW OPPOSITION/SUPPORT**

Based on the September 1, 2021 amendments, the California Chamber of Commerce and the organizations listed below have **WITHDRAWN OUR OPPOSITION to AB 654 (Reyes), and will be changing our position to SUPPORT.**

The September 1, 2021 amendments remove prior language that *would* have required that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) publish worksite-specific information about COVID-19 outbreaks. We had previously opposed this legislation based upon concerns related to this address-specific information, as we did not believe it would be kept up-to-date due to logistical delays in communications from local public health departments to the CDPH and eventual publication onto the state website.

With this issue removed, what remains is legitimate clean-up to last year’s AB 685, including exemption for certain medical facilities for duplicative reporting of outbreaks, as well as correction of terminology in the statute to better correspond to the terms of federal and other state COVID-19-related provisions.

Due to these improvements in the bill, the signatories to this letter have switched to a **SUPPORT** position.

Sincerely,

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California Association of Health Facilities
California Association of Joint Powers Authorities
California Association of Winegrape Growers

California Building Industry Association
California Chamber of Commerce
California Hospital Association
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Small and Disabled Veteran
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