



September 9, 2022

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SIGNATURE on AB 2426 (Gipson) Martin Luther King, Jr.
Community Hospital**

Dear Governor Newsom,

California Agents & Health Insurance Professionals (CAHIP) respectfully **REQUESTS your SIGNATURE on AB 2426**, which would provide targeted financial support to Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital (MLKCH) to maintain the pillar of healthcare infrastructure for the South Los Angeles community.

Hospitals rely on a mix of public and private coverage to fund expenses, and private sector coverage subsidizes public program coverage, which has not been funded to cover true costs since the 1980's. Due to a disproportionate volume of public program participants, MLKCH is on the verge of having to shut its doors. Without intervention, an already underserved community would be placed in unimaginable danger due to a lack of access to healthcare providers and services. By addressing an imbalance in payment for the hospital's inpatient, emergency, and outpatient visits, this bill will provide essential funding stability and quality care for South LA residents.

CAHIP is the state's largest association of health insurance agents, brokers, and other health insurance industry professionals. Our members help millions of individual Californians, families and businesses evaluate, select, purchase, and use their health care coverage plans. Our agents and brokers also serve as consumer advocates for policyholders and their families year-round to help with questions and possible coverage disputes - all at no additional cost to the consumer.

CAHIP shares your objective to ensure that all Californians have access to high-quality, equitable, and affordable healthcare - this bill will help to achieve these moral imperatives and for these reasons and more, CAHIP REQUESTS YOUR SIGNATURE ON **AB 2426**. To reach Faith Lane Borges, please call 916-441-5050.

Sincerely,

Faith Lane Borges

On behalf of California Agents & Health Insurance Professionals

cc: Tam Ma, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom