Here are instructions for submitting a Letter of Support for AB 688 (González):

Telehealth for All Act of 2025 (AB 688)

YOUR LETTER MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 18, 2025 by Noon (12pm) through the California Legislature Position Letter Portal – https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/.

AB 688, the Telehealth for All Act, will be set for a hearing in Assembly Committee on Health.

- Establish an account if you have not done so previously.
- Sign up as an individual or a representative for an organization.
- Sign-in as required.

How Do to Get Started – It Is Very Easy

Edit the sample Letter of Support to describe your organization and reflect your views. Include an example of a community or person that you've helped in the past who will benefit from this legislation.

Put the letter on your organization letterhead or simply insert your logo into the header (click on "Insert" to edit header by removing the placeholder and inserting your logo).

Sign the letter.

Complete a one-time <u>registration</u> to obtain a username and password, log in to submit your position letter as a registered lobbyist, organization, or individual seeking to communicate your views to the author's staff as well as the Committee that will be hearing the bill.

Submit your letter to the Assembly Committee on Health. If

you need more help, review the site FAQs, click here.

Please send a copy of your Letter of Support to CETF: Kyle.ORyan@CETFund.org

Assembly Health Committee 1020 N Street, Room 390 Sacramento, California 95814

Support AB 688 (González): Telehealth for All Act of 2025

Dear Chair Mia Bonta, Vice Chair Phillip Chen, and Committee Members Dawn Addis, Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry, Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Juan Carillo, Health Flora, Mark González, Maggy Krell, Dr. Darshana R. Patel, Celeste Rodriguez, Kate Sanchez, Pilar Schiavo, Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins, and Catherine Stefani:

On behalf of the *ORGANIZATIONAL NAME*, we are writing to urge you to support AB 688 (González), Telehealth for All Act of 2025. AB 688 declares that it is the policy of the State of California to optimize the use of Telehealth to augment and enhance health and medical care for all residents – especially those who are medically-underserved – to improve individual patient outcomes and overall population health. Last session, AB 1943 (2024, Weber) passed unanimously with a recommendation to the consent calendar in both the Assembly and Senate, AB 688 builds upon and incorporates the technical amendments provided by the Department of Healthcare Services to bill last session.

AB 688 (González) leverages the power of Telehealth technology to increase access to quality healthcare and specialized medical expertise for low-income and medically-disadvantaged residents. It builds upon the foundation of AB133 to study Telehealth and AB32 to sustain reimbursement parity for Telehealth visits by patients in Medi-Cal managed health plans. AB 688 is the next step to drive access to health and medical care through the collection of essential data to ensure "Telehealth for All" to achieve Health Equity.

AB 688 advances the visionary policy of the Legislature to tap Telehealth as a strategy to increase access and augments the authority of DHCS to collect information and data from providers to enhance accountability and assure transparency in the quest for Health Equity.

We request your "aye" vote on AB 688 to advance Health Equity.

Thank you for your consideration.

[SIGNED]

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