

California State Senate

SENATE MINORITY LEADER BRIAN W. JONES
FORTIETH SENATE DISTRICT



May 12, 2023

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

RE: AB 112 (Assembly Budget) – Request for Immediate Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

Time is running out for California's rural, financially at-risk hospitals and the patients they serve.

I'm writing regarding your statement today professing that "I am very, very aware of what's been happening with the hospitals across California, particularly in rural California." Your reluctance to sign AB 112 - language that your own Administration drafted - in a timely manner suggests concerns with the legislation. There is no time to be indifferent on this measure as one in five hospitals across the state are at-risk of closure.

We can assure you the bill, while far short of what is necessary, is a good, first start, and you should sign it as soon as you possibly can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Jones".

BRIAN W. JONES
Senate Minority Leader
40th Senate District