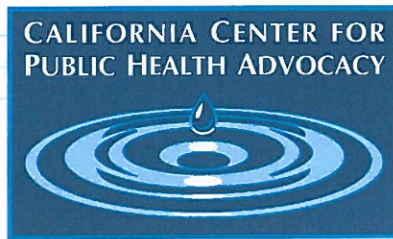


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**RE: Sponsorship of AB 2084 (Brownley) – Healthy Beverages in Childcare**

Dear Assemblymember Brownley,

**The California Center for Public Health Advocacy (CCPHA) is proud to co-sponsor AB 2084 (Brownley) which would promote healthy beverages in child care.** CCPHA is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that raises awareness about critical public health issues and mobilizes communities to promote the establishment of effective state and local health policies.

In recent years, California lawmakers have taken great steps to improve the beverage environment in schools by eliminating many of the sugary drinks sold in vending machines. Yet too many children are entering school already at an unhealthy weight (nearly 25 percent of children ages two to five are overweight or obese). To help prevent this AB 2084 (Brownley) would bring to child care – a largely neglected area with respect to nutrition policy – important nutrition standards for beverages similar to those already in our schools.

Given the increasingly important role child care plays for millions of working families in California and the significant amount of time children spend in child care, we must ensure that these children enjoy healthy nutrition environments while in care. AB 2084 (Brownley) helps to do this by establishing guidelines for the beverages served in childcare that are consistent with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Implementing these standards in childcare settings provides a great opportunity for helping children develop a lifetime of healthful nutrition practices. If we can ensure that these young children establish healthy taste preferences and habits at an early age, we can prevent many adverse health consequences later in life.

CCPHA thanks you for authoring AB 2084 .

Sincerely,

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