

April 12, 2019

Assemblymember Jim Frazier  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol  
P.O Box 942849  
Sacramento, California, 94249

**RE: AB 752 (Gabriel) Public transit: transit stations: lactation rooms**  
**AAP-CA Position: Support**

Dear Assemblymember Frazier,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California, representing over 5,000 board-certified pediatricians statewide, strongly supports proposed legislation AB 752 (Gabriel) requiring a multimodal transit station that has a public restroom to include a lactation room.

Easy access to lactation rooms benefits lactating families and their children. Breast milk is an optimal nutritional source for infants. Infants who breastfeed are at reduced risk for infection and disease, and also have healthier weight gain. Parents who breastfeed are at lower risk for depression and disease.

Travel is often a stressful experience, and even more so for parents of hungry infants. Finding a suitable place to breastfeed or breast pump can be a challenge in crowded transportation settings. In many instances, the only private option is a bathroom, which is not an ideal place for breastfeeding or pumping. Bathrooms are often crowded, lack electrical outlets for breast pumps and are not the most sanitary place for a baby to feed.

In 2017 commercial airports in the US were required by law to have lactation rooms where parents can privately and comfortably breastfeed or breast pump. AB 752 (Gabriel) would expand access to lactation rooms in California to include other major transportation settings like bus hubs and rail stations. This bill would better allow lactating parents to seamlessly and quickly meet their children's nutritional needs while traveling.

For these reasons pediatricians across the state respectfully urge your AYE vote on AB 752 (Gabriel). Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of the children, youth, and families of California.

Sincerely,



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American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: AAP-CA Leadership; The Honorable Jesse Gabriel