

April 5, 2011

The Honorable Katcho Achadjian  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT OF AB 1106 (Achadjian)**

Dear Assemblymember Achadjian,

The ALPHA Fund is pleased to support your Assembly Bill 1106, which would permit all local governmental entities to apply for a rebate of California Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) civil fines. Essentially, the bill offers all local government entities the same benefits given to school districts, county boards of education, community college districts, The State University System, The University of California System, and fire and public safety related entities.

ALPHA Fund is a self-insurance pool that provides Workers' Compensation coverage to Health Care Districts, public and non-profit hospitals, clinics and nursing facilities throughout California. The 53 Participants in the Fund range from major urban medical centers to rural facilities and cover approximately 18,000 employees.

AB 1106 specifically states that a rebate can be obtained by a local government entity, if the following conditions have been met:

1. The conditions that lead to the Cal/OSHA citation were identified and abated,
2. Any other outstanding Cal/OSHA citations were also abated, and
3. There had been no serious Cal/OSHA violation for at least two years.

AB 1106 will create a financial incentive for hospitals to meet the above criteria and provide a safer work environment. The ALPHA Fund applauds your efforts on this matter and is pleased to support your bill. Please contact me with question or comments regarding this matter at 916-498-6233.

Sincerely,

Amber Wiley  
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Assembly Committee on Insurance