

Assemblywoman Natasha Johnson

Bill Author

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Re: Support AB 2073

Dear Assemblywoman Johnson,

On behalf of tens of thousands of constituents, allied organizations, and more than 2,000 churches across California, the California Family Council proudly supports AB 2073, legislation that strengthens California's commitment to protecting vulnerable newborns.

California's Safe Surrender law was established to provide a compassionate, life-affirming option for women in crisis. AB 2073 builds on that foundation by helping ensure safe surrender is as safe, accessible, and effective as possible for mothers facing overwhelming circumstances.

AB 2073 allows designated Safe Surrender locations to install regulated infant safety devices commonly known in other states as "baby boxes." These devices place surrendered infants in a secure, climate-controlled environment and immediately alert on-site staff to respond. This rapid notification system increases response speed, ensuring that trained personnel attend to the infant within minutes. These devices are designed to work in tandem with, not replace, in-person Safe Surrender options.

According to [Safe Haven Baby Boxes](#), over 300 boxes have been installed across 20 states as of January 2025, each equipped with cutting-edge technology to ensure the safety and immediate care of surrendered infants.

For some parents overwhelmed by fear, trauma, or stigma, directly approaching personnel may feel unthinkable. Infant safety devices provide a critical last resort alternative for those in desperate situations who might otherwise abandon a child in an unsafe location. AB 2073 upholds and reinforces the intent of California's Safe Surrender law: to protect life, reduce unsafe abandonment, and give every newborn the opportunity for safety and care. For these reasons, California Family Council respectfully urges a yes vote on AB 2073.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Burt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Burt  
Vice President  
California Family Council