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July 20, 2017

Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor of California  
Capitol Building, 1st Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1021 (BAKER) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

Disability Rights California, a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports AB 1021 and respectfully requests your signature.

This bill would require a county human services agency to accept applications for in-home supportive services (IHSS) through various means, including telephone, facsimile, in-person, by email, or, if a county is capable of accepting online applications, through other electronic means. IHSS benefits are critical for keeping persons living in their homes and communities instead of in nursing homes. Simplifying the application process for IHSS applicants with disabilities helps to ensure their access to benefits and allows them to receive care and remain in their homes. AB 1021 conforms IHSS application processes that exist in other programs and expands the use of technology to access those benefits.

This bill has received bipartisan support and has received no “NO” votes in either house.

For these reasons, we support this bill and request your signature. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position on this bill.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Child". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" and last name "Child" clearly distinguishable.

Curtis Child  
Legislative Director  
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Catharine Baker, California State Assembly  
Paige Haskin, Legislative Director, Office of Assembly Member Baker  
Legislative Affairs, Office of Governor Brown