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June 5, 2017

Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Human Services Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1021 (BAKER) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wiener:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 1021**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Human Services Committee on June 13, 2017.

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 in their homes.

For these reasons, we support this bill. 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
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