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Honorable Patrick O'Donnell Chair, Education Committee California State Assembly Capitol Building, Room 2196 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1110 (BURKE) - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member O'Donnell:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports AB 1110. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Education Committee on April 5, 2017.

Clear vision and eye health are crucial for our students' learning. 80 percent of learning happens through the eyes, and vision is increasingly important for students to use technology as well as see blackboards and read books. Vision disorders can impose disabling conditions on children and students. Requiring at kindergarten or upon first enrollment in elementary school that pupils' vision be examined and then reappraised in grades 2, 5 and 8, AB 1110 will help ensure pupils' vision health and improved learning.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 1110. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position on this bill.

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Sincerely,

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