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Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1127 (RIVAS) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 1127 and requests your signature.**

DRC advocates for a wide range of Californians with disabilities, including homeless youth, foster children, migratory children and those who have been bullied. Far too often, these demographics overlap and pupils with disabilities are bullied for their disability or background. Existing law allows school districts to enter into agreements that allow interdistrict attendance of pupils that are residents of the school districts. This bill requires a school district of residence to approve an intradistrict transfer request for a victim of an act of bullying, and requires a school district of proposed enrollment that elects to accept an interdistrict transfer to accept all students to apply.

Every student deserves to feel safe. Once it has been determined that the best option for a student is to transfer schools, they should have more certainty that a transfer will be granted.

For these reasons, DRC supports this bill and requests your signature. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

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 Luz Rivas, California State Assembly
Elissa Ouchida, Legislative Director, Office of Assembly Member Luz Rivas
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