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September 12, 2019

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

RE: AB 1278 (GABRIEL) – 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 1278 and requests your signature.**

This bill requires the campuses of the California Community Colleges and California State University, and requests the campuses of the University of California, to include on the website-based student account or student portal at the institution notice of CalFresh, local or county level housing and mental health services. AB 1278 would streamline the process for students to easily gain access to these services in a discreet, efficient, and effective manner.

Food and housing insecurity and accessible mental health services have become an issue of greater urgency for higher education students. Accessing mental health services are particularly critical for students who may be isolated on campuses. AB 1278 provides a simple and efficient way of assisting students to access resources to address these needs, which are critical to student success.

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 written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Curtis Child
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Jesse Gabriel, California State Assembly
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