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Honorable Jerry Hill
Chair, Business, Professions & Economic Development
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1436 (LEVINE) as amended June 4, 2018 – SUPPORT


Dear Senator Hill:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 1436**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee on June 18, 2018.

Last year the Governor signed AB 89 (Levine) which requires all applicants for licensure as a psychologist with the Board of Psychology to complete a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience in suicide risk assessment and intervention. This follow-up bill would require that all mental health professionals receive suicide prevention training. There has been an increase over the last decade in suicide rates. This bill will improve the competencies of mental health professionals and serve to hopefully contribute toward stemming that tide.

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

Sincerely,

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
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Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Business, Professions & Economic
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