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Honorable Jim Beall
Chair, Transportation and Housing Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 2082
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1505 (BLOOM) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Beall:

Disability Rights California, a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports AB 1505. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on June 6, 2017.

AB 1505 is attempting to override the *Palmer (2009)*ⁱ decision that struck down an affordable housing mandate in the City of Los Angeles. That decision had statewide implications and made it impossible for local governments to impose ordinances requiring new construction of rental units to include a certain percentage for moderate to low-income tenants. Inclusionary mandates are critical to addressing the current affordable housing crisis in California. Government funding is currently inadequate to meet the demand for affordable housing and an important option is to allow local governments to require development of affordable housing from private developers.

Affordable housing is an issue that requires attention at every level and AB 1505 is addressing this need by re-enabling local governments to pass ordinances for affordable rental units.

For these reasons, we support this bill. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position.

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" being more prominent than the last name "Child".

Curtis Child
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Richard Bloom, California State Assembly
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Honorable Members, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
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ⁱ *Palmer/Sixth Street Properties LP v. City of Los Angeles*. 2009 DJDAR 10859. July 22, 2009. ["Return to Main Page"](#)