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Honorable Ed Hernandez
Chair, Health Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1785 (NAZARIAN) as amended April 11, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hernandez:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 1785**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Health Committee on June 6, 2018.

DRC supports policies that remove barriers for people who need benefits to receive those benefits. This is especially important when considering people with disabilities, many of whom can and want to continue their education and become employable. We also appreciate the recent amendments to exclude distributions from eligibility determination.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Deb Roth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deb Roth
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Disability Rights California

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