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Honorable Blanca Rubio
Chair, Human Services Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 5175
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1909 (NAZARIAN) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Rubio:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 1909**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Human Services Committee on March 6, 2018.

Under existing law, the Department of Social Services (DSS) translates notices and other materials for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) consumers. We think existing translation for consumers is very important and especially helpful. Even better would be translating provider notices and materials as well. Just as the materials for consumers are provided in the four most common languages spoken by IHSS consumers (English, Spanish, Armenian, and Chinese), we believe similarly translated materials for providers will enable these providers to better help consumers.

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

cc: Honorable Adrin Nazarian, California State Assembly
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