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Honorable Anthony J. Portantino
Chair, Appropriations Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1957 (BERMAN) as amended June 18, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino:

Disability Rights California, a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 1957**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 6, 2018.

As electronic communications become a major mode of communication, it is essential that when it is used in the administration of public social services that the rights of applicants and recipients are protected, while at the same time providing them the opportunity to maximize electronic communication where appropriate. The use of electronic communications can be particularly significant for persons with disabilities in accessing public benefits.

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

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" and last name "Child" clearly distinguishable.

Curtis Child
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Marc Berman, California State Assembly
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