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Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2030 (LIMON) as amended August 17, 2018 – REQUEST FOR
SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2030 and requests your signature.**

Longstanding state and federal law prohibit disability-based discrimination by state and local governmental entities. The same law requires that governmental entities provide reasonable modifications in policies and practices to people with disabilities to ensure that they have equal access to government services. However, as is often the case, there is not clear direction on ensuring that reasonable accommodations are made in the delivery of state and local services and benefits.

AB 2030 would require any single state automated welfare system implemented in the state to include a notification to inform the caseworker of a public assistance program applicant or recipient that the applicant or recipient has disclosed the need for an accommodation consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act or has disclosed a disability or domestic violence experience that may affect his or her eligibility for certain exemptions from, and exceptions to, CalWORKs program requirements. The bill would also require the notification to be immediately visible to the

caseworker upon opening the applicant or recipient's file.

This seemingly simple process can provide a very important process for informing applicants of their right to an accommodation and put the caseworkers on notice that an accommodation is required. This bill provides a procedure for ensuring that state and county departments delivering CalWORKs services will deliver them equally to persons with disabilities. These procedures, of course, should not be understood as a substitute for the reasonable accommodations that are otherwise required under state and federal disability rights laws.

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

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 Monique Limon, California State Assembly
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