July 16, 2018

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

RE: AB 2043 (ARAMBULA) as amended June 28, 2018—SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports **AB 2043**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 6, 2018.

Children and caregivers in the child welfare system may be experiencing both short and long-term disabilities that may manifest in times of crises. During those times, supportive assistance can be very important to youth and caregivers to resolve conflicts, de-escalate, or even direct them toward resources. This support helps maintain a supportive relationship between the youth and caregiver.

The approach in this bill provides that support by establishing a statewide, toll-free hotline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for caregivers and youth who are experiencing emotional, behavioral or other difficulties and need immediate help by requiring counties to establish mobile response teams to provide face-to-face, in-home response. This is an important tool for supporting youth and caregivers.
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.

Very truly yours,

\[Signature\]

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