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March 15, 2018

Honorable Jim Wood
Chair, Health Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 6005
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2099 (GLORIA) – SUPPORT


Dear Assembly Member Wood:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2099**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Health Committee on March 20, 2018.

DRC agrees with the purpose of this bill, which is to assure that the process for involuntary holds works efficiently. That does not happen when there may be needless delays due to requiring that the original paperwork for the 5150 be presented with an original signature. While there may be some risks in not having the original signature, we believe that may be minimal.

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,

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 Todd Gloria, California State Assembly
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