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Honorable David Chiu
Chair, Housing and Community Development Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2162 (CHIU) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Chiu:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2162**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on March 21, 2018.

The findings and declarations of this bill state clearly the urgent need to ensure, in an effort to address the current homelessness crisis, that the state must play a greater role in developing new housing. Particularly important is the creation of supportive housing to ensure that services and supports serve to keep those persons who are chronically homeless housed. The benefits of supportive housing run not only to the individuals but also to the state and local governments through reduced recidivism, lower health and mental health costs, and improved communities.

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 Members, Assembly Housing and Community
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