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Honorable Henry Stern  
Chair, Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee  
California State Senate  
Capitol Building, Room 3070  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 216 (GONZALEZ FLETCHER) – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Stern:

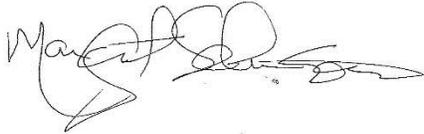
Disability Rights California, a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports AB 216. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee on July 12, 2017.

This bill would clarify that the elections official is required to deliver to each qualified applicant a prepaid identification envelope for the return of the vote by mail ballot.

Many people with disabilities have difficulty getting to a post office when the ballot requires additional postage. Often, people with disabilities or seniors are on fixed incomes, with few resources to purchase stamps or travel to a post office or other location for stamps. This bill will help ensure people with disabilities can vote and have their voices heard.

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 "Margaret Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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