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Honorable Patrick O' Donnell
Chair, Education Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 2196
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2291 (CHIU) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member O'Donnell:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2291**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Education Committee on April 11, 2018.

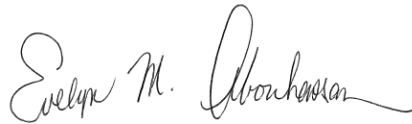
AB 2291 requires school districts to include policies and procedures in their comprehensive school safety plan to address bullying and the prevention of bullying. The bill also requires the Department of Education to post, on its Internet Web site, the online training module developed by the department and an annually updated list of other available online training modules relating to bullying or bullying prevention. Pursuant to this bill, schools operated by a school district or county office of education and a charter school must annually provide the online training module to certificated school site employees.

Often, students with disabilities enter the educational environment and face bullying, harassment, and mistreatment. This measure is a positive step forward. It holds schools accountable, and ensures that they are safe for all students. Finally, it provides educators and other school staff with the tools to ensure that all students, including students with disabilities, can learn

without fear of harassment, discrimination, or intimidation.

For these reasons, DRC supports this bill. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Evelyn M. Abouhassan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Evelyn Abouhassan
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cc: Honorable David Chiu, California State Assembly
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