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Honorable Jerry Brown Governor of California Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

## RE: AB 2299 (CHU) as amended August 6, 2018 – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2299 and requests your signature**.

Many members of Medi-Cal managed care plans do not speak English as their primary language. While there has been a growing increase in translation services and materials, this is not true for all environments and materials. How good is translated information describing health plan rules for coverage if the terms are difficult to understand for anyone lacking either a medical or a legal background?

It is important to make sure threshold languages are used in a way that creates a document readily accessible and understandable.

For these reasons, DRC supports this bill and requests your signature. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information. AB 2299 (CHU) as amended August 6, 2018 – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE Page 2 of 2

Sincerely,

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