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July 13, 2018

Honorable Anthony Portantino  
Chair, Appropriations Committee  
California State Senate  
Capitol Building, Room 3086  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2299 (CHU) as amended July 2, 2018 – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Portantino:

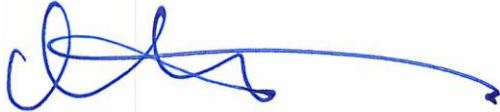
Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2299**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 6, 2018.

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. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deb Roth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deb Roth  
Senior Legislative Advocate  
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Kansen Chu, California State Assembly  
Howard Quan, Legislative Director, Office of Assembly Member Chu  
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