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Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2316 (EGGMAN) as amended June 14, 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 2316 and requests your signature.**

This bill requires that a contract between a patients' rights program (currently held by Disability Rights California), and the Department of State Hospitals and the State Department of Health Care Services specify that patients' rights advocacy materials be made available online. It further provides that a county shall verify that county patients' rights advocates have reviewed the training materials online within 90 days of employment and that a county shall keep a copy of the verification and share a copy with the Behavioral Health Planning Council.

We support the author and sponsor's intent to ensure that county patients' rights advocates review the training materials online within 90 days of their employment so that they may, promptly after employment, be better prepared to provide advocacy services. This bill is not intended to preempt attendance at the in-person Patients' Rights Advocacy Training program that is offered annually.

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.

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 Susan Talamantes Eggman, California State Assembly
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