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

RE: AB 2317 (EGGMAN) as amended May 25, 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 2317 and requests your signature**.

This bill will extend the whistleblower protections and non-retaliation protections to independent contractors and contracted entities that are responsible for monitoring and receiving complaints as patient rights advocates, a position commonly held by independent contractors. They should have these protections because they perform advocacy work within government facilities. They should not be subject to retaliation for uncovering issues within their purview.

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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,

Curtis Child

Legislative Director

Disability Rights California

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