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

**RE: AB 2317 (EGGMAN) as amended May 25, 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 2317**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 6, 2018.

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.

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.

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 Eggman, California State Assembly  
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