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April 9, 2018

Honorable Adam Gray
Chair, Assembly Governmental Organization
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3152
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2333 (WOOD) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gray:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2333**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Governmental Organization on April 18, 2018.

This bill recognizes, unfortunately through recent experience in California, that natural disasters can leave those who must deal with them, both as they are occurring and in their aftermath, with lasting traumatic effects. By establishing a behavioral health deputy director within the Office of Emergency Services the state can be better prepared to deal with these traumatic impacts and, importantly, plan for the known behavioral impacts that affect impacted communities. We applaud the author for recognizing the often-unrecognized behavioral health impacts on individuals and communities and the need to prepare for them.

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 Members, Assembly Governmental Organization
Committee
Kenton Stanhope, Associate Consultant, Assembly Governmental
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