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April 2, 2018

Honorable Mark Stone  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
California State Assembly  
Capitol Building, Room 3146  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2343 (CHIU) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2343**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Judiciary Committee on April 10, 2018.

AB 2343 would make a number of changes to the eviction process in California, including extending the time period for tenants to respond to alleged lease violations, such as nonpayment of rent, extending the time to respond to an eviction action in court, allowing low-income tenants to seek a waiver of court witness fees, and other procedural changes. The bill would also create a presumption of retaliation for tenant organizing in an eviction proceeding.

The current housing crises in California can be particularly acute for persons with disabilities who require safe and accessible housing. AB 2343 provides necessary protections within the unlawful detainer process to assure tenants, including tenants with disabilities, that they can fairly participate in the proceedings. The stakes are too high to allow abusive tactics and practices by property owners to force renters out of their housing without a fair chance to defend eviction actions.

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  
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Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable David Chiu, California State Assembly  
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