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April 2, 2018

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

RE: AB 2376 (STONE) – 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 2376**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Judiciary Committee on April 10, 2018.

This bill properly takes the California Supreme Court up on the need to clarify taxpayer standing in California litigation. DRC is an organization that must turn to the courts to enforce the rights of persons with disabilities. Sometimes that litigation is against the government to prevent alleged wasteful and illegal spending of public funds. It is critical that any cloud on taxpayer standing be removed so that our clients can assert their rights without side issues, such as standing, diverting both our resources and those of the courts. AB 2376 properly responds to the Supreme Court's stated need and provides clarity to the taxpayer standing statute.

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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Curtis Child
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Judiciary Committee
Anthony Lew, Counsel, Assembly Judiciary Committee
Mike Herald, Western Center on Law and Poverty