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Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
Chair, Judiciary Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2376 (STONE) as amended April 12, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson:

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 Senate Judiciary Committee on June 12, 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" and last name "Child" clearly distinguishable.

Curtis Child
Legislative Director
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cc: Honorable Mark Stone, California State Assembly
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