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Honorable Jim Wood
Chair, Health Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 6005
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2430 (ARAMBULA) – SPONSOR AND SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **sponsors and supports AB 2430**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Health Committee on April 3, 2018.

AB 2430 corrects a disparity in eligibility levels for Medi-Cal recipients who receive coverage through the Aged and Disabled program (A&D) when compared to eligibility for most other adults. When A&D was established, in 1989, the eligibility level was equivalent to the 133% federal poverty level (FPL) standard. The amount was expressed as a dollar amount, not as a percentage and has not changed.

After ACA implementation, most adults became eligible for Medi-Cal without a share of cost at 138% FPL. The corresponding eligibility level for the A&D program, over time, has decreased to 123% FPL. The result is some seniors and people with disabilities will not be able to have health care without paying approximately \$600 to the share of cost requirement. This inequity should be corrected.

For these reasons, DRC is proud to sponsor and support this bill. Please

contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deb Roth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deb Roth
Senior Legislative Advocate
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Joaquin Arambula, California State Assembly
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