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Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Appropriations Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2749 (BONTA) as amended May 25, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2749**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 6, 2018.

AB 2749 requires the director of each state agency or state entity and each chief information officer to certify that its Internet Web site is mobile friendly. The bill would also prohibit an Internet Web site maintained by a state agency that is intended for use by the public from becoming operational unless it is mobile friendly and accessible by persons with disabilities.

DRC is sponsoring SB 1396 (Galgiani) which establishes a central point of authority within state government to ensure that every state agency and entity complies with state and federal law by providing accessible technology for persons with disabilities to access information, services and benefits that they are entitled to receive. This bill is an important companion to SB 1396 by ensuring at the same time that mobile devices will also be accessible.

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 Rob Bonta, California State Assembly
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