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Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor of California  
Capitol Building, 1st Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 275 (WOOD) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 275 and requests your signature.**

AB 275 would expand, from 30 to 60 days, the notice and planning requirements that a long-term health care facility provides to residents and the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and written notice to the Department of Health Care Services and any affected health plan before any change in the status of the license or in the operation of the facility that results in its inability to care for its residents. The Department of Public Health (DPH) would have the authority to require the facility, as part of the proposed relocation plan required, when 10 or more residents are likely to be transferred, to provide additional information, including information on the number of residents affected by the proposed closure and an attestation that each resident will undergo a medical assessment, as specified, before being relocated.

This bill provides longer notice periods to help residents and their families find alternative care, clarifies and strengthens the requirements around medical assessments for residents prior to transfer, and provides specific authority to DPH to reject a closure plan that does not provide adequate

protections for residents. This protects persons with disabilities and the elderly from immediate and traumatic placement decisions for which 30 days can be an inadequate time period for planning.

For these reasons, we support this bill and request your signature. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position on this bill.

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 Jim Wood, California State Assembly  
Lara Flynn, Principal Consultant, Assembly Health Committee  
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