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May 31, 2017

Honorable Ed Hernandez
Chair, Health Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 275 (WOOD) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hernandez:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports AB 275. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Health Committee on June 7, 2017.

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 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 State 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. 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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