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

RE: AB 2965 (ARAMBULA) 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 2965.** This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 6, 2018.

AB 2965 is a comparatively small step in the goal of making sure people have health insurance. By helping people remain healthy, we reduce overall health care costs. Many people without documentation have lived in California for most, if not all of their lives. To the extent some people who are undocumented also have disabilities, failure to provide health care is unfathomable.

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.

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Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Joaquin Arambula, California State Assembly Maheen Ahmed, Legislative Aide, Office of Assembly Member Arambula

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