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Honorable Jim Beall  
Chair, Transportation and Housing Committee  
California State Senate  
Capitol Building, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2994 (HOLDEN) as amended April 30, 2018– SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Beall:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2994**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on June 19, 2018.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the California Building Standards Code require that specified buildings, structures, and facilities be accessible to, and usable by, persons with disabilities.

AB 2994 requires the Building Standards Commission, in the next triennial adoption process of the California Building Standards Code, to adopt standards requiring newly constructed public restrooms to be equipped with grab bars.

The bill would also require a commercial place of public amusement, newly constructed on or after January 1, 2025, to include the installation and maintenance of an ambulatory accessible toilet compartment that meets the standards set forth in the most recent edition of the California Building Standards Code.

The inclusion of people with disabilities in community life and participation in activities such as sporting events, concerts, and other forms of entertainment enhances quality of life. To participate, however, requires adequate accessible restrooms. By including grab bars in newly constructed restrooms and an ambulatory accessible toilet compartment in buildings such as auditoriums, convention centers, exhibition halls, sports arenas, and theaters, people with disabilities are ensured access, and can take care of basic needs while also preventing injury and meeting their disability related needs.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn M. Abouhassan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Evelyn" and the last name "Abouhassan" clearly legible.

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