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

**RE: AB 3002 (GRAYSON) as amended June 14, 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 3002**. This bill will soon come before you for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

As amended, AB 3002 requires the Department of the State Architect (DSA) to develop a model notice, which it will also post on its website, for local jurisdictions to use or modify when issuing building permits. The notice will be translated into specified languages and include the following: 1) general information on access compliance requirements under both state and federal law; 2) an advisory strongly encouraging the applicant to obtain a Certified Access Specialist (CAsp) inspection; 3) information about how to locate CAsp inspectors, including a link to the Internet Web site of the State Architect where CAsp inspectors are listed, by geographic area in which they provide or intend to provide services; 4) a notice of the federal and state programs that are available to assist small businesses with disability compliance and access expenditures; and 5) a link to the home page and the resource page of the California Commission on Disability Access.

DRC supports AB 3002 because it advances disability access compliance. It is a proactive measure that provides resources and information to businesses to comply with the law and promotes equal access for individuals with disabilities. As such, this bill is a step in the right direction and helps to protect the civil rights of individuals with disabilities.

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 cursive script that reads "Evelyn M. Abouhassan".

Evelyn Abouhassan  
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cc: Honorable Timothy Grayson, California State Assembly  
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