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Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
Chair, Judiciary Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3002 (GRAYSON) as amended April 5, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 3002**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 12, 2018.

AB 3002 requires local jurisdictions issuing building permits for additions, alterations, and structural repairs to commercial property, or building permits for new construction of commercial property, to make readily available, and, upon submission of an application for either type of permit an informational notice which includes: 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 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.

Evelyn Abouhassan
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