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Honorable Mark Stone
Chair, Judiciary Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3002 (GRAYSON) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Mark Stone:

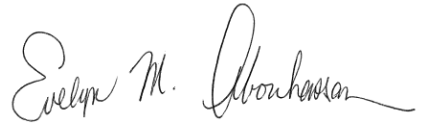
Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 3002**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Judiciary Committee on April 3, 2018.

AB 3002 requires local jurisdictions issuing building permits for renovation or new construction to provide, prior to approval, an informational notice directly attached to the applicant's application for a building permit containing certain information, including: 1) 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) the names of local CASp inspectors and information on how to obtain their services; and 4) a notice of the federal and state programs that are available to assist small businesses with disability compliance and access expenditures.

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". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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