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April 18, 2019

Honorable Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
Chair, Public Safety Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 2117
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 301 (Chu) as amended March 26, 2019 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 301**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 23, 2019.

Hate crimes are on the rise. Although they represent a small percentage of crimes overall, we fail to adequately identify, report on, and respond to hate crimes. AB 301 addresses this problem by establishing a robust set of data, outreach and reporting materials to more effectively identify and reduce the incidence of hate crimes.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Debra Roth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Debra Roth
Senior Legislative Advocate
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Gregory Pagan, Chief Counsel, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Honorable Kansen Chu, California State Assembly
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