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Honorable Richard Pan, M.D.
Chair, Health Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 5114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3032 (FRAZIER) as amended April 26, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Dr. Pan:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 3032**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Health Committee on June 27, 2018.

As recently noted in ACR 180, Chaptered on June 1, 2018, maternal mental health affects one in five women during or after pregnancy, but all women are at risk of suffering from maternal mental health disorders. Specifically, in California, one in five Californian mothers suffers from pregnancy-related depression. Additionally, less than 15 percent of identified cases of maternal mental health disorders are treated because of personal, structural, and systemic barriers within the health care system and untreated maternal mental health disorders significantly and negatively impact the short- and long-term health and wellbeing of affected women.

This bill would require a general acute care hospital or special hospital that has a perinatal unit to develop and implement, by January 1, 2020, a quality management program relating to maternal mental health disorders including, but not limited to, postpartum depression. The bill would require the quality management program to include education and information for

women and families regarding the range of maternal mental health disorders and available local treatment resources, and any other service the hospital determines should be included in the program to provide optimal care to patients.

This bill is an important measure to foster providing necessary information on resources for those seeking maternal mental health services.

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, appearing to read "Curtis Child". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" and last name "Child" clearly distinguishable.

Curtis Child
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Jim Frazier, California State Assembly
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