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Honorable Blanca Rubio  
Chair, Human Services Committee  
California State Assembly  
Capitol Building, Room 5175  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 3074 (FRAZIER) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Rubio:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 3074**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Human Services Committee on April 24, 2018.

AB 3074 allows a consumer who is in a supported employment program or work activity program, and who has the stated goal of integrated employment in his or her individual program plan (IPP), to request tailored day services in addition to his or her existing program to achieve competitive integrated employment that goal if certain criteria are met, including: 1) a determination of the type and amount of tailored day service allowed be made through the IPP process and 2) an inclusion in the IPP of a description of how a consumer's individualized choices and needs will be met to achieve integrated competitive employment, and the type and amount of services and staffing needed to meet the consumer's specific choices and needs.

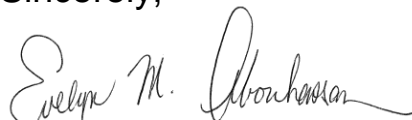
Current law allows a consumer to choose tailored day services in lieu of any other regional center-vendored day program, look-alike day program, supported employment program, or work activity program. Tailored day services allow consumers the ability to customize day services through

individualized services. Tailored day services can increase a consumer's integration and inclusion in the community, develop and/or maintain employment opportunities, allow for volunteer activities, and enable attendance of post-secondary education programs.

Over the last few years, California adopted policies to advance competitive integrated employment options for individuals with developmental disabilities. In 2013, California adopted the state's Employment First Policy, which is "the policy of the state that opportunities for competitive, integrated employment shall be given the highest priority for working age individuals with developmental disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities." Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4869(a)(1). Additionally, the California Competitive Integrated Employment: Blueprint for Change, was adopted in May 2017. The Blueprint is a plan to implement new and existing federal and state policies that impact competitive integrated employment.

AB 3074 is a step forward to advance these policies. The measure increases opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to engage in job discovery and job readiness training to assist their transition to competitive, integrated employment where they are able to work at minimum wage or above in the community and rely less on public benefits. 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,



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