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Honorable Marc Berman  
Chair, Elections and Redistricting Committee  
California State Assembly  
Capitol Building, Room 6011  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 3259 (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING  
COMMITTEE) as introduced – SUPPORT IF AMENDED**

Dear Assembly Member Berman:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 3259 if amended**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee on May 9, 2018.

Existing law requires a county elections official, upon receipt of a properly executed affidavit of registration or address correction notice or letter for a voter, to send the voter a voter notification, address correction requested. Existing law specifies a form of voter notification that county elections officials are required to use that includes a voter signature line.

Among other changes, AB 3259 removes the voter signature line from the voter notification. While we agree with the removal of the signature line, Disability Rights California has concerns that the notice sent may not be accessible. If a blind voter receives this notification card, they will not be able to read it, if they know that they received it. If it is not accessible, they may not be able to contact the appropriate officials as provided on the notification to correct any possible errors to their registration. Because of these concerns, we request that the bill be amended to ensure that the

notification card be made available in the format that the voter requested.

Therefore, we request Section 2155 of the Elections Code be amended to read:

Upon receipt of a properly executed affidavit of registration or address correction notice or letter pursuant to Section 2119, Article 2 (commencing with Section 2220), or the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20501 et seq.), the county elections official shall send the voter a voter notification by nonforwardable, first-class mail, address correction requested. The voter notification shall be sent to the voter in the format the voter requested voter material be sent to them on the voter registration card or is otherwise reflected in the voter file. The voter notification shall state the party preference for which the voter has registered in the following format:

Party: (Name of political party)

The voter notification shall be substantially in the following form:

#### VOTER NOTIFICATION

You are registered to vote. The party preference you chose, if any, is on this card. This card is being sent as a notification of:

1. Your recently completed affidavit of registration.

OR,

2. A change to your registration because of an official notice that you have moved. If your residence address has not changed or if your move is temporary, please call or write to our office immediately.

OR,

3. Your recent registration with a change in party preference. If this change is not correct, please call or write to our office immediately.

You may vote in any election held 15 or more days after the date on this card.

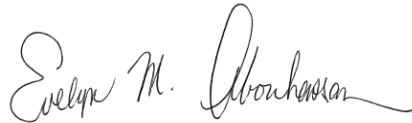
Your name will appear on the roster kept at the polls.

Please contact our office if the information shown on the reverse side of  
this card is incorrect.

~~(Signature of Voter)~~

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 written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the last name.

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Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Elections and Redistricting  
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