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Honorable Patrick O'Donnell  
Chair, Education Committee  
California State Assembly  
Capitol Building, Room 4001  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 34 (Ramos) as amended March 26, 2019 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member O'Donnell:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 34**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Education Committee on April 10, 2019.

AB 34 requires local education agencies (LEAs) to prepare and distribute a handbook on bullying and harassment prevention. DRC has data that shows students with disabilities are disproportionately subjected to bullying compared to non-disabled students. We see bullying as a common issue in our client intake.

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 Education Committee  
Tanya Lieberman, Chief Consultant, Assembly Education Committee  
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