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Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 477 (CERVANTES) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 477 and requests your signature.**

Existing law requires local government entities to develop local emergency plans for meeting any conditions constituting a local emergency, such as earthquakes, and natural or manmade disasters. Local government entities are authorized to create disaster councils to develop these plans. Current law requires that, in updating its emergency plan, each local government entity address how the plan addresses the needs of the “access and functional needs population,” as defined.

This bill would require that, upon the next update to its emergency plan, regarding the integration of access and functional needs into the plan, the local government entity include representatives from the access and functional needs population, “including, but not limited to, social service agencies, nonprofit organizations, and transportation providers.”

Including representatives of the access and functional needs community in the plan development process is critical to ensuring that individuals with the requisite expertise have the opportunity to participate in and inform the

development of local emergency plans to address the needs of these populations. For this reason, DRC supports this bill and requests your signature.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

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 Sabrina Cervantes, California State Assembly
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