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Honorable Jim Wood
Chair, Health Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 6005
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 4 (Bonta) as introduced December 03, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

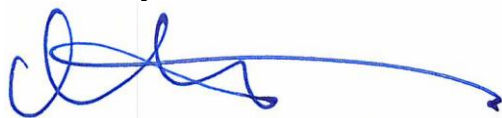
Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 4**. This bill will soon be heard in Assembly Health committee.

This bill would remove immigration status as a basis for exclusion from the Medi-Cal program. This is an important and necessary change to make our public health system work better, our economy stronger, and reduce discrimination, especially for persons with disabilities who are immigrants. Many people with disabilities have routine health care needs that keep them stable and prevent Emergency Room visits. Many people with disabilities work and pay taxes; they need the assurance of health care for themselves and their families.

California has made great strides in addressing the inequities and disparities in our health care system. A logical next step is to close the largest gap in coverage among Californians. Many Californians work, pay taxes and raise families but without access to basic care.

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 'Deb Roth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deb Roth
Senior Legislative Advocate
Disability Rights California

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