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Honorable Henry Stern
Chair, Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 3070
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 606 (BERMAN) – SUPPORT IF AMENDED

Dear Senator Stern:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports AB 606 if amended. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee on June 20, 2017.

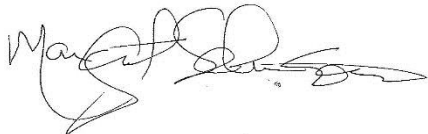
Existing law requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to prepare and mail to voters a state voter information guide. Existing law requires the SOS to make available the state voter information guide over the Internet. Existing law also requires the SOS to establish procedures to allow a voter to opt out of receiving the state voter information guide by mail and, instead, to either receive the guide in an electronic format or receive an electronic notification that it is available online.

This bill would require the SOS to instead include before each state measure a conspicuous notice that identifies the location on the SOS web site of the specific provision that the measure would repeal or revise. The bill would require that the electronic version of the state voter information guide include an active hyperlink for each cited Uniform Resource Locator.

Not all voters with disabilities have access to the internet. This bill does provide a mechanism for voters to request information in print, but not in alternative formats. We'd suggest this be expanded to require the information be provided in alternative formats accessible to people with disabilities. Further, the bill requires a 10-point type face legend, 10-point font is too small to comply with large print needs of voters with low vision. We suggest increasing the font size to 16 point. See <http://www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/reading-and-writing/making-print-more-readable/235>.

For these reasons, we support this bill if amended. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position on this bill.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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