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

**RE: AB 715 (NAZARIAN) – 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 715 and requests your signature.**

AB 715 simply extends the California Parkinson's Disease Registry (PDR) sunset from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021, giving the Department of Public Health (DPH) more time to collect data on Parkinson's disease using the remainder of previously allocated funds. This will help scientists identify patterns in Parkinson's disease in California, allowing for a better understanding of the causes of this disease, geographic clusters throughout the state, and variances in age and gender ratio.

In 2017, California created and funded the PDR, requiring healthcare providers diagnosing or providing treatment to Parkinson's disease patients to report each case to DPH. The PDR serves as a statewide, population-based, registry that is being used to measure the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease since little is known about how it is distributed among different population groups and whether the patterns of disease are changing over time. Since the PDR was launched, DPH has received over 88,000 records reported by 434 health systems, facilities, and providers. This information is critical to help the state allocate services and plan for

future health care needs.

For these reasons, DRC supports AB 715 and requests your signature. Please contact me if you have any questions 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  
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cc: Honorable Adrin Nazarian, California State Assembly

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