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Honorable Jim Beall
Chair, Transportation and Housing Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 4203
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 73 (CHIU) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Beall:

Disability Rights California, a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, support AB 73.

AB 73 promotes affordable housing by allowing public entities (cities and counties) to pass ordinances creating housing sustainability districts. These districts will require preliminary approval by the California Office of Planning and Research and will create an entitlement for public entities with approved housing sustainability districts to zone incentive payments of unspecified amounts.

California is in the midst of an affordable housing crisis and is not able to meet housing needs, especially for lower-income households. Persons with disabilities are often on fixed incomes and are significantly impacted by the lack of affordable housing and in turn benefit from increased available affordable housing. AB 73 will help encourage the development of affordable housing throughout California.

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

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 David Chiu, California State Assembly
Lisa Engel, Chief Consultant, Assembly Housing Committee
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