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March 15, 2017

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

**RE: AB 74 (Chiu) - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Chiu

Disability Rights California, a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports AB 74 and thanks you for your commitment to ameliorating the housing crisis in California for low-income Californians, including people with disabilities. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Health Committee on March 21, 2017.

Homelessness and health are intertwined and it is time for public policy to recognize and act on that reality. People with disabilities who end up homeless need support and the availability of accessible, affordable housing in order to end the cycle of being homeless. It is important that we address the large number of homeless people in California and recognize that making sure housing is accessible as well as affordable is essential to reducing the number of people who are homeless. We request that when AB 74 passes and becomes law, disability accessibility be part of the guidelines and final criteria for competitive grants pay for interim and long-term rental assistance under the Medi-Cal Housing Program.

For these reasons, we support this bill. 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 "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 Members, Assembly Health Committee  
Rosielyn Pulmano, Chief Consultant, Assembly Health Committee  
Honorable David Chiu, California State Assembly