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Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Appropriations Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 752 (RUBIO) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lara:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports AB 752. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 21, 2017.

AB 752 aims to solve an important problem. It identifies the increasing expulsion of children from child care and development programs due to their challenging behaviors. It then puts in place a process for minimizing these expulsions by requiring the providing agencies to find and implement effective solutions. It correctly links the process to the child's special education and early intervention plans and ensures the child's continued receipt of services even when the agencies are unable to safely serve a child in their programs.

DRC had previously expressed concerns about a lengthy period for the determination for the establishment of an effective plan for maintaining a child's participation in the preschool program. The author has amended the bill to require the expeditious development of the plan and that the 180-day

period for the development of the plan is considered to be the outside timeline. With these amendments DRC is pleased to support AB 752.

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 Blanca Rubio, California State Assembly
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