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

RE: AB 773 (Gonzalez) – 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 773 and requests your signature.**

AB 773 would require school districts to implement voter education programming, including accessible voting options for voters with disabilities for 12th grade students.

Many people with disabilities are not fully informed about voting and the options that they may have for accessible forms of voting. Additional voting information will serve to engage these individuals in the political process.

Young people with disabilities can often feel isolated and discouraged from voting. Educating potential voters as early as possible is important because students are able to understand the role they can play in democracy when they become eligible to vote. It also enables them to share information with their families about the electoral process, engage in civic discourse and increase their commitment to the communities where they live.

For these reasons, DRC supports this bill and requests your signature. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can

provide any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Harris", with a horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric Harris
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Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, California State Assembly
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