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Honorable Bill Dodd
Chair, Governmental Organization Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 911 (Rodriguez) as amended May 17, 2019 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Dodd:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 911**. This bill is scheduled for hearing before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on June 25, 2019.

This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with relevant experts and stakeholders, to develop a plan and timeline of target dates for the testing, implementation, and operation of a statewide system that would enable all Californians, including older adults, individuals with disabilities, and other at-risk persons, to voluntarily provide vital health and safety information to be made available to all first responders in an emergency if a "911" call is placed. The bill would make information submitted through the statewide system confidential and not a public record.

The disability community would benefit in a major way from having a statewide system that enables all Californians to voluntarily share specified information about themselves. This information would help emergency personnel determine the best way to assist a person in need. This is particularly true for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The program established from this bill would benefit all Californians, but especially those with disabilities.

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