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Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 940 (WEBER) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 940 and requests your signature.**

This bill would require a long-term health care facility to notify the local long-term care ombudsman if a resident is notified in writing of a facility initiated transfer or discharge from the facility. The bill would provide that a failure to timely provide a copy of that notice would constitute a class B violation for purposes of a department issued citation.

AB 940 would codify the recent amendment to the federal requirements regarding skilled nursing facility discharge notification for residents receiving care in skilled nursing facilities. Importantly, this bill would provide clarity to the federal rule by specifying that whenever a facility initiates a resident's discharge or eviction from the facility, a copy of the discharge notice is sent electronically to the local long-term care ombudsman. This provides important protections for residents of nursing homes and ensures that the ombudsman is kept informed of facility activities.

For these reasons, we support this bill and request your signature. 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" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Child".

Curtis Child
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Shirley Weber, California State Assembly
Scott Matsumoto, Senior Legislative Aide, Office of Assembly
Member Weber
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