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Honorable Melissa Hurtado
Chair, Human Services Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 2054
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 1 (BONTA) as amended March 6, 2019 – SUPPORT

Dear Melissa Hurtado:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports ACR 1**. This resolution is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Human Services Committee on June 10, 2019.

In December 2018, DRC submitted public comments opposing the proposed “Public Charge” rule. We strongly oppose the proposed federal changes and therefore strongly support ACR 1, which condemns the proposed rule.

ACR 1 correctly notes the proposed rule change is counter to California’s values and undermines health and safety in our communities. DRC believes the proposed rule will harm people with disabilities because the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will look at whether a person’s health makes them more or less likely to become a public charge. Despite federal laws making discrimination on the basis of disability unlawful, the public charge rule would sanction illegal discrimination.

The proposed rule takes into account whether a person has a medical condition likely to require extensive treatment, institutionalization, or that

will interfere with the ability to provide for themselves. By considering someone's health, DHS will be predicting an outcome based on diagnosis, perpetuating the stigma and false assumptions about the current abilities and future prospects of people with disabilities.

For these reasons, DRC supports this resolution. 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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Disability Rights California

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