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September 2, 2020

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

**RE: SB 1276 (Rubio) – 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 SB 1276 and request your signature.**

Current state funding requirements for domestic violence shelter providers require 10 percent matching funds, using either cash or in-kind matching funds. The state law requirement is in addition to matching fund requirements from federal funding sources. Domestic violence programs rely on private funding, in-kind donations, or volunteer hours to meet this match requirement. In this time of crisis, flexibility is needed as programs adapt to the changing needs of survivors, families and communities they serve.

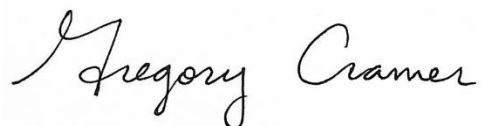
During the COVID-19 crisis, domestic violence service providers have been forced to cancel large annual fundraisers, and small businesses and individual donors who have been impacted by the crisis are unable to donate to the program, reducing the availability of private funds to meet the match requirement. Additionally, volunteers are forced to stay home due to health and safety concerns. Securing, documenting, and reporting funding matches is significant burden for programs who are shifting operations and service delivery in a crisis. Programs need to focus on keeping survivors

and their staff safe and healthy; not on meeting administrative requirements including matching fund documentation.

As we settle in to a “new normal,” we anticipate that the ongoing social distancing requirements and economic downturn will continue to negatively impact the cash and in kind resources available to domestic violence programs. Eliminating the match requirement can provide some flexibility and relief to programs providing essential services in our communities.

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 cursive script that reads "Gregory Cramer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Gregory Cramer  
Senior Legislative Advocate  
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Susan Rubio, California State Senate  
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