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Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Appropriations Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1010 (BEALL) as amended March 21, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lara:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1010**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 25, 2018.

This bill would create a pilot program to provide supportive housing to homeless individuals on parole through existing funding and then once the individual transitions off parole it will permit participating counties to provide community-based mental health treatment and rental assistance and supportive services through Proposition 63 funding. The approach in this bill will provide homeless parolees with mental impairments the opportunity to reside in stable housing and receive treatment thereby reducing recidivism. Importantly, it provides for community-based mental health treatment that will assist the recipient in long-term stabilization. This bill also relies on existing resources.

California is currently experiencing a homelessness crisis. It is important to connect the homeless, and particularly the formerly incarcerated homeless, to supportive housing and mental health treatment in an effort to reduce recidivism and promote stability.

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
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

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