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March 6, 2018

Honorable Ed Hernandez  
Chair, Health Committee  
California State Senate  
Capitol Building, Room 2080  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1019 (BEALL) – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hernandez:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1019**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Health Committee on March 14, 2018.

SB 1019 makes the essential link between mental health professionals and schools by authorizing schools and mental health networks to enter into partnerships for targeted interventions for pupils with behavioral health needs for the delivery of campus-based services through qualified providers. This bill creates and supports shared goals of improving educational outcomes and the provision of mental health services to children and youth with mental health needs. Additionally, this bill codifies the Mental Health Services Accountability and Oversight Commission's recommendation to allocate at least half of the triage grant funding for services targeted to youth 18 years of age or younger to support the partnerships and develop guidelines for the use of the funds in support of the partnerships.

Providing parity funding for youth mental health services in schools will allow for the prompt identification of mental health needs of students and

will coordinate the treatment with mental health professionals. This will improve educational and behavioral health outcomes. These students are more likely to gain resiliency skills and be successful in school and life.

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

cc: Honorable Jim Beall, California State Senate  
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Honorable Members, Senate Health Committee  
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