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September 14, 2018

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

RE: SB 1021 (WIENER) – 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 SB 1021 and requests your signature.**

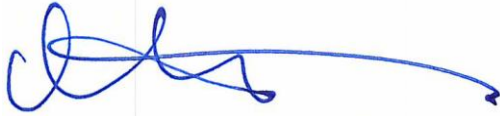
SB 1021 takes a common-sense approach to helping consumers who need expensive prescription drugs by revising the way prescription drug benefits are applied when the retail price of a drug is less than the drug plan's applicable copayment.

Consumers should not be caught in the middle of negotiations between health plans, drug plans, pharmacy benefit managers – in short any entity in the distribution line for a prescription drug – when the simplest approach saves money. If the retail price is lower than the copay, the retail price becomes the copay.

The bill adds other improvements as well, including a prohibition on requiring a multi-tablet retroviral drug treatment for HIV/AIDS when a one-tablet regiment is just as effective.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Deb Roth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deb Roth
Senior Legislative Advocate
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Scott Wiener, California State Senate
Miles Horton, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Beall
Donna Campbell, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs
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