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Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Appropriations Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1021 (WIENER) as amended June 14, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1021**. This bill will soon come before you for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

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

Deb Roth
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Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Scott Wiener, California State Senate
Miles Horton, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Beall
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