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Honorable Ricardo Lara Chair, Appropriations Committee California State Senate Capitol Building, Room 2206 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1026 (Jackson) As Amended April 30, 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 1026**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 14, 2018.

This bill proposes the Dignity at Home and Fall Prevention Act, a logical successor to existing law's recognition of the growing desire for people to age in place. SB 1026 goes a step further than intent, awareness, and even practical information by providing grants to also fund services and equipment. This is a smart, logical recognition that fall prevention requires more than awareness. Fall prevention helps people stay at home, where they want to live.

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.

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Sincerely,

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