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Honorable Ash Kalra Chair, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee California State Assembly Capitol Building, Room 5160 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1026 (JACKSON) as amended April 30, 2018 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Kalra:

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 Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee on June 19, 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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cc: Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson, California State Senate Nora Lynn, Policy Analyst, Office of Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson Honorable Members, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee

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