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

RE: SB 1108 (HERNANDEZ) as amended June 20, 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 1108.** This bill will soon come before you for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

There has been a sea-change in Washington, D.C. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) shifted course by allowing states to introduce a work requirement as a condition for receiving Medicaid services. This bill preemptively rejects that idea. Most Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are able to work do so. Many beneficiaries are unable to work, and it could be because of a disability or other valid reason. This is an important bill.

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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,

Deb Roth

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Disability Rights California

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