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Honorable Jim Wood Chair, Health Committee California State Assembly Capitol Building, Room 6005 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1108 (HERNANDEZ) as amended April 9, 2018- SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1108.** This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Health Committee on June 26, 2018.

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.

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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