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March 28, 2018

Honorable Ed Hernandez
Chair, Health Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1108 (HERNANDEZ) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hernandez:

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 on April 4, 2018.

This bill does something very simple but very important: It puts California on record that it rejects the current hostility coming from Washington towards the expansion of Medicaid in the Affordable Care Act through efforts to impose employment conditions on eligibility that would result in the loss of health care coverage for individuals who lack the ability to work. California, under this bill, would be prohibited from seeking any waivers from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that would limit eligibility through work activities, waiting periods, or any other condition of eligibility not authorized under state or federal law. This is an important message to send.

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.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Child". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" and last name "Child" clearly distinguishable.

Curtis Child
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Health Committee
Melanie Moreno, Staff Director, Senate Health Committee
Linda Nguy, Western Center on Law and Poverty