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Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1125 (ATKINS) as amended August 28, 2018 – REQUEST FOR
SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1125 and requests your signature.**

SB 1125 eliminates a harmful barrier to accessing mental health services by allowing community health centers to bill Medi-Cal for mental health services and other medical services on the same day. It is common for a patient to be seen in a primary care clinic for a non-mental health related service and receive a referral for a mental health service, which cannot be made because of the billing requirement. Likewise, a patient may seek both a mental health and non-mental health service and cannot make the appointment for the same day. This barrier is both inefficient for patients and health providers. Allowing health centers to access the same-day billing statute already in place in other public programs will ensure more early intervention in mental illness and guarantee that we are using the integrated health services available to our communities at their full potential.

For these reasons, DRC supports this bill and requests your signature.
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 Toni Atkins, California State Senate
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