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September 12, 2018

Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor of California  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1191 (HUESO) – 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 1191 and requests your signature.**

This bill makes an important addition to current law by ensuring that law enforcement and adult protective services agencies have recent and critical information in their policy manuals on understanding the legal definition of abuse and neglect.

Individuals with disabilities are at a disproportionately higher risk for abuse and neglect. Estimates are that people with disabilities are at least four to ten times more likely to be affected than people without disabilities. Individuals with an intellectual impairment are at the highest risk.

Abuse and neglect of dependent adults and elders is a crime. Yet studies show that most crimes against people with disabilities go unreported. Prompt reporting and investigation of suspected or alleged abuse or neglect is essential to protect people with disabilities and to successfully prosecute and convict perpetrators.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deb Roth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deb Roth  
Senior Legislative Advocate  
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Ben Hueso, California State Senate  
Dylan Jaff, Intern, Office of Senator Hueso  
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