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

**RE: SB 1274 (MCGUIRE) as amended August 24, 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 1274 and requests your signature on the bill.**

SB 1274 requires the State Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide the eligibility and enrollment data for CalWORKs and CalFresh, to the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS). It also requires DDS to maintain the confidentiality of any information provided to it by the State Department of Social Services (DSS) to the same extent as if DDS had acquired the information directly.

The bill's requirement to provide data allows for the monitoring and evaluation of employment outcomes to determine the effectiveness of the Employment First Policy. It also assists in supporting consumers to achieve competitive integrated employment. This measure builds upon AB 1696, signed last year, that authorized the Employment Development Department (EDD) to disclose specified wage related information to assist DDS to achieve the same goals.

California's Employment First Policy directs the state to make opportunities for competitive integrated employment a clear priority. Collecting the additional data from DSS, as required by this bill, creates another means to monitor and measure progress towards competitive integrated employment and assists in developing effective strategies to improve employment outcomes for Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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 black ink that reads "Evelyn M. Abouhassan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Evelyn Abouhassan  
Senior Legislative Advocate  
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Mike McGuire, California State Senate  
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