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April 18, 2018

Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 2187
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1274 (MCGUIRE) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1274**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 24, 2018.

SB 1247 requires the State Department of Social Services (DSS) to disclose eligibility and enrollment data for the CalWORKs and CalFresh programs to the State Department of Developmental Services. The purpose of the data sharing is to assist DDS in the implementation of the Employment First Policy and to support consumers in the achievement of competitive integrated employment. This measure builds upon AB 1696, which was signed last year, and authorized the Employment Development Department to disclose specified wage related information to assist the Department of Developmental Services to achieve the same goals.

California's Employment First Policy directs the state to make opportunities for integrated, competitive employment a clear priority. Collecting the additional data from DSS, as required by this bill, creates another means to monitor and measure progress of competitive integrated employment implementation and, to assist in developing effective strategies to improve

employment outcomes for Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn M. Abouhassan".

Evelyn Abouhassan
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cc: Honorable Mike McGuire, California State Senate
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