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April 3, 2018

Honorable Scott Wiener  
Chair, Human Services Committee  
California State Senate  
Capitol Building, Room 5100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1274 (MCGUIRE) – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Wiener:

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 Human Services Committee on April 10, 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 black ink that reads "Evelyn M. Abouhassan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Evelyn" and the last name "Abouhassan" clearly legible.

Evelyn Abouhassan  
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cc: Honorable Mike McGuire, California State Senate  
Jessica Zaragoza, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator McGuire  
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