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June 14, 2018

Honorable Mark Stone
Chair, Judiciary Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1320 (STERN) as amended April 9, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1320**. This bill will soon come before you for hearing in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

A person subject to elder or dependent adult abuse may decide to take steps to prevent future abuse. Sometimes, abuse comes from the people closest to us.

An abuse survivor who wants protection against the release of public records containing information they wish to keep private should be able to do so. Safe at Home is California's program to make this happen. The program is voluntary and would not force elders or dependent adults to participate.

For these reasons, we support this bill. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position on this bill.

Sincerely,

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

Deb Roth
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cc: Honorable Henry Stern, California State Senate
Alex Lee, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Stern
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