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Honorable Mike McGuire
Chair, Governance and Finance Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1333 (WIECKOWSKI) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator McGuire:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 1333**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on April 4, 2018.

This bill makes an important amendment to California's Housing Element Law to ensure that the 121 charter cities in California comply with existing housing laws. Despite the 2017 Housing Package passed by the Legislature, safe, accessible and affordable housing escapes many low-income Californians, many who are persons with disabilities. Currently at risk are requirements that cities must designate sufficient sites to accommodate their share of the regional housing need for all income groups, including housing affordable to low-income households. This bill is necessary to ensure that progress can be made to increase housing and decrease homelessness.

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.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Child". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" and last name "Child" clearly distinguishable.

Curtis Child
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Disability Rights California

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