April 18, 2019

Honorable Jerry Hill  
Chair, Labor, Public Employment and Retirement  
California State Senate  
Capitol Building, Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 135 (JACKSON) as amended March 25, 2019 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hill:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports SB 135. This bill is scheduled for hearing before Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee on April 24, 2019.

California has led the nation in family leave policies and our laws have worked to better the state. SB 135 improves on existing law by broadening the categories of people eligible to receive paid leave and by broadening the categories of people who may receive care by an employee on paid family leave.

In particular, DRC notes and appreciates the bill’s awareness of California’s changing demographics. Multi-generational households are now more prevalent and each generation includes people who may need care and people who are employed but require significant time off to provide care.

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,

[Signature]

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Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee  
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