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Honorable Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
Chair, Public Safety Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 2117
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 164 (McGuire) as introduced January 24, 2019 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer Sr.:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 164**. This bill is currently pending in the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

This bill would—when a person has been convicted of an infraction but has shown that payment of the total fine would pose a hardship, and the person has elected to perform community service in lieu of paying the total fine—permit the person to elect to perform that community service in either the county in which the infraction violation occurred, or in the county of the person's residence.

Individuals with disabilities often have limited financial resources and payment of a total fine will often pose a significant hardship. Many such individuals also have limited access to affordable and accessible transportation. Therefore, the option to perform community service in the individual's county of residence that would be available pursuant to SB 164 will benefit many people with 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.

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
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Public Safety Committee
Gregory Pagan, Chief Counsel, Assembly Public Safety Committee
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