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Honorable Ricardo Lara Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee Capitol Building, Room 2206 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 3 (BEALL) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator McGuire:

Disability Rights California, a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports SB 3.

California is currently in an affordable housing crisis. There is not enough affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. While we agree that there needs to be affordable housing, we also want to make sure that some of these funds go towards accessible housing as well. People with disabilities are part of the community of people who cannot afford housing and they deserve to have accessible, affordable housing. There can hardly be a more worthwhile need for bond financing in this state than the creation of housing throughout the state and affordable housing in particular.

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

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Very truly yours,

Curtis Child Legislative Director

Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Chair and Members, Senate Appropriations Committee Mark McKenzie, Staff Director, Senate Appropriations Committee Carla Saporta, Consultant, Office of Senator Beall