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Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 449 (MONNING) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 449 and requests your signature.**

This bill would require that just 2 of the 60 hours of classroom training for all students preparing to become Certified Nurse Aids address the special needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The need for a skilled long-term care workforce, trained in the special needs of persons with dementia, is a public policy priority. Certified Nurse Aids provide direct, hands-on care to the most vulnerable residents in nursing homes and assisted living as well as patients in hospitals, home health and hospice settings. The two hours of Alzheimer's disease and dementia training required in this bill will help prepare Certified Nurse Aid with the knowledge and skills they need to effectively care for residents with these impairments.

For these reasons, we support this SB 449 and request your signature.
Please contact me if you have any questions about our position on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Child". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anthony" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Child".

cc: Legislative Affairs, Office of Governor Brown
Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
Kathy Smith, Senior Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Monning
Kiyomi Burchill, Deputy Secretary, California Health and Human
Services Agency
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