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April 18, 2017

Honorable Mark Stone  
Chair Judiciary Committee  
California State Senate  
Capitol Building, Room 3146  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 575 (LEYVA) – Support**

Dear Senator Stone:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 575**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 25, 2017.

SB 575 allows low-income individuals to have free access to their medical records when applying for public benefit programs. Currently applicants only have access to their medical records without charge on an appeal of the denial of benefits. Ensuring that an applicant for benefits can receive their medical records can expedite their application and approval and avoid what may be an unnecessary delay. This bill will help ensure that applicants for public benefits can expedite the benefits for which they are eligible.

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

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 Connie Leyva, California State Senate  
Deepen Gagneja, Fellow, Office of Senator Leyva  
Honorable Members, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Christian Kurpiewski, Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee