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June 5, 2017

Honorable Jim Wood
Chair, Health Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 6005
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 575 (LEYVA) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Wood

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 Assembly Health Committee on June 13, 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, Assembly Health Committee
Kristine Mapile, Principal Consultant, Assembly Health Committee