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Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor of California Capitol Building, 1st Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

## RE: SB 992 (HERNANDEZ) as amended June 21, 2018 – 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 992 and requests your signature**.

This bill seeks to provide greater oversight of licensed alcoholism or drug treatment facilities by requiring all programs licensed or certified by the department to disclose information to the State Department of Health Care Services (department), including, among other things, ownership of an unlicensed alcohol and drug free residence and their contractual relationships. It would also require a licensee to develop a plan to address when a resident relapses that would include, among other things, discharge and continuing care planning.

This bill provides greater transparency in drug and alcohol treatment program operations and recognizes the importance of ensuring resident plans include strategies to treat relapse episodes. These requirements will ensure that individuals in treatment programs are receiving proper care and that owner relationships are clear. DRC supports these efforts.

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For these reasons, DRC supports this bill and requests your signature. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

Curtis Child

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