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Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Appropriations Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 992 (HERNANDEZ) as amended June 21, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 992**. This bill will soon come before you for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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.

We commend the author for seeking greater transparency in drug and alcohol treatment program operations and for recognizing 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.

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

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 Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Lisa Murawski, Principal Consultant, Assembly Appropriations
Committee
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