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April 24, 2019

Honorable Ben Hueso
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 4035
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCR 40 (HUESO) as introduced April 22, 2019 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hueso:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SCR 40.**

This measure would designate April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month and encourage residents to show support for autism awareness.

Autism Awareness Month is a special month, where autism friendly events and educational activities take place all month to increase understanding and acceptance and foster worldwide support. Autism is a developmental disability that impacts many Californians.

DRC supports more accessibility to services and professionals in assisting individuals in the diagnosis process. DRC also recognizes that individuals with autism often require lifetime and specialized community support services to ensure their health and safety, as well as the resilience of their families as they manage some of the challenges that autism may give.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Harris", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric Harris
Legislative Advocate 2
Disability Rights California

cc: Aaron Brieno, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Hueso