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Honorable Scott Wilk California State Senate Capitol Building, Room 4090 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SJR 19 (WILK) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wilk:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SJR 19.**

It is generally well known that Congress does not provide sufficient share of funds to ensure that California students with disabilities receive the free, appropriate education to which they are entitled.

This measure would respectfully memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to enact H.R. 2902 pending before Congress. H.R. 2902 calls for fully funding the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Fully funding IDEA will ensure that resources are available for students with disabilities to receive the services and supports they need so that the promise of the IDEA is a reality.

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.

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Sincerely,

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cc: Junay Gardner, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Wilk