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The Honorable Reginald Jones Sawyer, Co-Chair
Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General
California State Assembly, District 59
California State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 94249-0059

The Honorable Mark Stone, Co-Chair
Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General
California State Assembly, District 29
California State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 94249-0029

**Re: SUPPORT: Congressman Xavier Becerra, Appointment as
Attorney General, State of California**

Dear Co-Chairs Jones Sawyer and Stone:

Disability Rights California, a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports Congressman Xavier Becerra's nomination to be California's next Attorney General. Congressman Becerra's understanding of federal and state politics as well as his former experience as Deputy Attorney make him uniquely qualified for this position.

California is one of the most diverse states in the nation, with the largest population of individuals with disabilities. It has also been a leader in protecting civil rights by ensuring that people with disabilities are fully

integrated into society and provided equal opportunity. This has been possible because a commitment to progressive federal and state policies which promote inclusion and ensure appropriate community based services and supports to Californians with disabilities.

As we embark on uncharted territory with this new presidential administration and Congress where many these progressive policies that people with disabilities rely on are being threatened with repeals or cuts, we urge the Administration, Legislature, and Appointee Becerra work together, and protect these programs which have been essential to advancing the civil rights of people with disabilities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Evelyn M. Abouhassan".

Evelyn M. Abouhassan
Senior Legislative Advocate
Disability Rights California

Cc: Members, Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General
The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Governor, State of California
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, Speaker, California State Assembly
The Honorable Kevin de Leon, President Pro Tempore, California State Senate
The Honorable Xavier Becerra, U.S. House of Representatives