



# California Association for the Retarded

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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Support AB1184**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Upon hearing of the possibility that you might consider vetoing AB1184 (Lieber), I am impelled to once more write to urge your signature. **AB1184 needs to become law.** It can provide a vital supplement to other groups monitoring the closure of Agnews Developmental Center and the proper treatment of current residents who will be moved into a community whose services have been underfunded for years. AB1184 can help save lives. It deserves your affirmation and we once again urge your signature on it.

CAR recognizes a wide range of disabilities among people with retardation and believes they and their families have a right to choose services from a full spectrum of choices responsive to their individually identified needs, including both congregate and inclusive community options in residential, work, training, support settings and recreational activities, as provided in the Lanterman Act.

**AB 1184** would have the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) establish an Agnews Developmental Center Transition Advisory Task Force consisting of family members of residents of Agnews to monitor community placement of transitioned consumers and make appropriate recommendations. This measure recognizes the central role of families in the lives of developmental center residents and utilizes their expertise in monitoring the transition of their family member to community-based residence and activity. We urge you to make use of this resource – which would cost the state nothing – and provide a crucial level of support to residents whose lives may be saved by the effort.

CAR very much appreciates the insight displayed in this measure and is pleased to **urge you to sign** it. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marion Lieberman  
President

cc: The Honorable Sally Lieber, Assembly District No. 22