

# California Association for the Retarded

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September 14, 2007

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

RE: **Support AB910**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the Board and members of the California Association for the Retarded (CAR), I want to commend you and your staff for the work you do in support of persons with mental retardation and their families. 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.

**AB 910** should soon appear on your desk. It would expand the criteria under which health plans and insurers must continue coverage after an individual reaches a limiting age and would establish notice requirements regarding dependent coverage termination. It is well thought out and presented, and addresses a central issue posed to those who would provide continuing health care insurance coverage for a vulnerable population.

CAR is pleased to support this measure and **urges you to sign it** into law as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Marion Lieberman  
President

cc: The Honorable Betty Karnette, 54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District



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**RE: Support AB1184**

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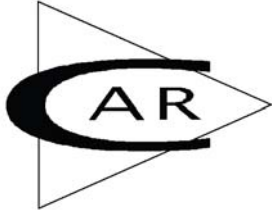
**AB 1184** should soon appear on your desk. It would have the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) establish an Agnews Developmental Center Transition Advisory Task Force consisting of family members of residents of Agnews to monitor community placement of transitioned consumers and make appropriate 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.

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



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**RE: Support AB1192**

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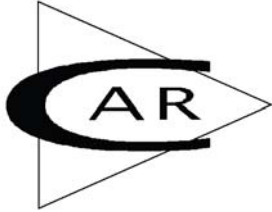
**AB 1192** should soon appear on your desk. It would create a registry of providers who have a substantiated history of abuse of persons with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, and make the registry available to those who would hire workers. This is a timely and expedient measure and CAR is pleased to **urge you to sign it**.

We look forward to the registry's success and the concomitant improvement in the lives of persons with mental retardation.

Sincerely,

Marion Lieberman  
President

cc: The Honorable Noreen Evans, Assembly District No. 7



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**RE: Support AB1402**

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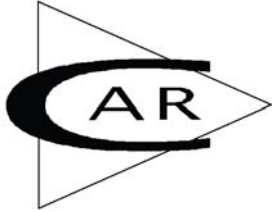
**AB 1402** should soon appear on your desk. It would grant the right to make an audio recording of an IPP meeting and would ensure access to appeal procedures. In increasingly tight budgetary times, such immediate referral to the discussions and agreements during an IPP meeting can be crucial to ensuring that consumers can access systemic guarantees and thereby obtain individually identified services. CAR is pleased to **urge you to sign** this measure.

We look forward to working in the months and years ahead to using this tool to the very best advantage for those who need its protection the most.

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**RE: Support SB868**

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**SB 868** should soon appear on your desk. It would authorize criminal history background checks of applicants for the IHSS providers' registry, and prohibits assessment for the costs of such activity to IHSS workers or recipients. CAR is pleased to **urge you to sign** this bill.

This bill distinguishes itself by refusing to charge the costs of the registry to the vulnerable recipients of service or to the largely impoverished IHSS workers. We particularly commend the author for this forethought and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marion Lieberman  
President

cc: The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Senate District No. 26