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The Honorable Noreen Evans, Chair  
Assembly Human Services Committee  
State Capitol, Tenth & L Streets  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1270 (As amended 04/27/06) Chesbro – Oppose

Dear Assemblymember Evans:

The California Association for the Retarded supports efforts by individuals with mental retardation and their families to make **choices** about what services and supports best meet their individually assessed needs.

SB1270 proposes to identify service options delivered in non-congregate settings. We are very much concerned that this effort will lead to the development and funding of service options that marginalize the legitimate choices that are made to meet the individually assessed needs of those who prefer services delivered in congregate settings.

It is vital to the health and welfare of Californians with mental retardation that all service options are developed in a way that supports effort to achieve beneficial outcomes in the lives of those who need and use the developmental disabilities services system.

The California Association for the Retarded opposes the effort of SB 1270 to limit **choice** by focusing on non-congregate services – a policy that eventually may very well have the chilling effect of suppressing congregate services and ultimately reducing the spectrum of **choices** available to those who most need the services.

We urge you and your committee members to oppose SB 1270.

Sincerely,

Marion Lieberman, President

cc: Members, Assembly Human Services Committee  
Senator Wes Chesbro