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August 15, 2007

The Honorable Betty Karnette
State Assembly District No. 54
State Capitol Building, Room 2136
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support AB910

Dear Assemblymember Karnette:

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 and including both congregate and inclusive community options in residential, work, training, support settings and recreational activities.

Your proposal, AB 910, to expand the criteria under which health plans and insurers must continue coverage after an individual reaches a limiting age and to follow notice requirements regarding dependent coverage termination, 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 very much appreciates your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marion Lieberman
President



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The Honorable Noreen Evans
Assembly District No. 7
State Capitol Building, Room 3152
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RE: Support AB1128

Dear Assemblymember Evans:

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 and including both congregate and inclusive community options in residential, work, training, support settings and recreational activities.

Your proposal, AB1128, which would establish the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act Working Group to study the Act and recommend changes to it, could initiate a useful and necessary review of the central legislation governing service delivery to tens of thousands of affected individuals. CAR is pleased to support this effort, and looks forward to working with you in the months and years to come to build a service system that responds to the needs of all its constituents in ways that honor the choices they and their families make.

Again, thank you for the often difficult work you do on behalf of people with retardation.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Sally Lieber
Assembly District No. 22
State Capitol Building, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support AB1184

Dear Assemblymember Lieber:

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 and including both congregate and inclusive community options in residential, work, training, support settings and recreational activities.

Your proposal, 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.

CAR very much appreciates the insight you display in this measure and is pleased to support it. We look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead to make this closure and transition a model of cooperative and sensitive treatment during a time of stress. Again, thank you for your hard work in this matter.

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RE: Support AB1192

Dear Assemblymember Evans:

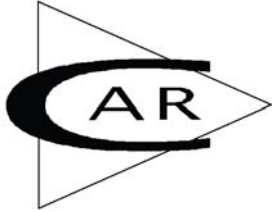
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Your proposal, AB 1192, would create a registry of providers who have a substantiated history of abuse of persons with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, and make the registry available to those who would hire workers. This is a timely and expedient measure and CAR is pleased to support it.

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

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RE: Support AB1402

Dear Assemblymember Evans:

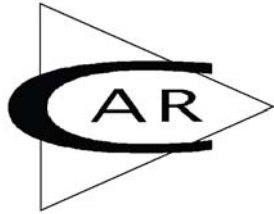
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Your proposal, AB 1402, would grant the right to make an audio recording of an IPP meeting and would ensure access to appeal procedures. In increasingly tight budgetary times, such immediate referral to the discussions and agreements during an IPP meeting can be crucial to ensuring that consumers can access systemic guarantees and thereby obtain individually identified services. CAR is pleased to support this measure.

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

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The Honorable Lloyd Levine
Assembly District No. 40
State Capitol Building, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support AB1421

Dear Assemblymember Levine:

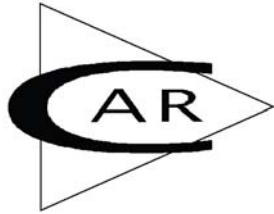
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Your proposal, AB 1421, would create a voluntary registry of California residents with special needs for evacuation purposes in the event of a disaster. Given the potential for disasters to strike when it is least convenient and to confound efforts to help the most vulnerable, a registry is a good first step in creating an overall disaster preparedness plan. Much more can be done with this concept, and CAR is pleased to support this step.

We look forward to seeing this measure succeed.

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State Capitol Building, Room 3013
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RE: Support AB1526

Dear Assemblymember Lieber:

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Your proposal, AB1526, would exempt from community care licensing requirements facilities occupied by elderly and/or disabled persons as their own home and regulate transfers to continuing care retirement communities. CAR is pleased to support this effort to prevent displacement.

Again, thank you for your work on behalf of persons with retardation and their families.

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The Honorable Elaine Alquist
Senate District No. 13
State Capitol Building, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support SB725

Dear Senator Alquist:

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 and including both congregate and inclusive community options in residential, work, training, support settings and recreational activities.

Your measure, SB 725, would ensure provision of health and dental services through DDS' operation of the outpatient clinic on the Agnews campus as long as DDS manages the property. This prudently secures the hard-won expertise of health technicians who can ensure the adequacy and accessibility of specialized services in the transition environment and hopefully into the future of the Bay Area community. CAR is pleased to support this measure.

Again, thank you for the attention you have provided to these matters during a demanding transition.

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The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas
Senate District No. 26
State Capitol Building, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support SB868

Dear Senator Ridley-Thomas:

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 and including both congregate and inclusive community options in residential, work, training, support settings and recreational activities.

Your proposal, SB 868, 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 support this bill.

Among several bills such as yours introduced this session, yours 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 you for this forethought.

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