

May 4, 2011

The Honorable Fiona Ma  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
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Via Fax: (916) 319-2112

**RE: AB 310 - Support**

Dear Assemblymember Fiona Ma:

We are writing on behalf of the Disability Rights Legal Center to thank you for cosponsoring AB 310, which would prohibit health care service plans and health insurers that offer outpatient prescription drug coverage from requiring coinsurance from the enrollee as a basis for cost sharing and would also impose certain limitations on copayments and out-of-pocket expenses for outpatient prescription drugs.

This bill is beneficial to the cancer community because, by prohibiting health care service plans and insurers that offer outpatient prescription drug coverage from requiring coinsurance as a basis for cost sharing and imposing limitations on copayments and out-of-pocket expenses for outpatient prescription drugs, it will protect cancer patients from rising drug costs.

The Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) has worked to implement the civil rights of people with disabilities for over 30 years. We are the oldest cross-disability legal advocacy organization in the country. Our mission is to promote the rights of people with disabilities and the public interest in, and awareness of, those rights by providing legal and related services. Through our Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC), one of the four programs of the Disability Rights Legal Center, we have unique knowledge and experience with laws and legislation that impact the rights of individuals diagnosed with cancer, cancer survivors and caregivers.

The CLRC has provided over 231,000 people with free and confidential information and resources on cancer-related legal issues, including access to care, insurance, government benefits, estate planning, and employment. Please visit [www.CancerLegalResourceCenter.org](http://www.CancerLegalResourceCenter.org) for more information.

The DRLC strongly supports AB 310, and we appreciate your dedication. We look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,



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