

February 21, 2018

Assemblyman Vince Fong  
State Capitol, Rm. 4144  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**Re: SUPPORT – AB 2039 (Fong): Tax Deductions: CalABLE Savings Accounts (As introduced- 1/12/18)**

Dear Assemblyman Fong,

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, we would like to express our strong support for AB 2039.

AB 2039 will provide a state tax deduction to individuals who contribute to CalABLE savings accounts benefiting individuals with disabilities. It is critical that we offer incentives so that California residents and out of state residents can confidently contribute to the well-being of one of our most vulnerable populations.

In 2014, Congress passed the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE), enabling individuals with disabilities and their families to open tax-advantaged savings accounts. The accounts may be used for essential needs such as medical treatment, transportation, and housing. The passage of ABLE recognized the challenges of living with a disability and the associated costs by giving individuals with disabilities a better chance at financial independence without being penalized.

With AB 2039 the legislature has an opportunity to help people with disabilities and their families prepare for the future. The contributions to these accounts are an important step in giving people with disabilities a chance at independence, and we therefore strongly support this measure.

Sincerely,