



January 22,2019

Thomas F. Coleman
Spectrum Institute
555 S. Sunrise Way, Suite 205
Palm Springs, CA 92264

Dear Mr. Coleman,

On behalf of The Arc of California, I write to express our support in concept for the legislative proposal Spectrum Institute has put forth to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to effective representation in conservatorship proceedings.

Specifically, the Arc of California recognizes that conservatorships limit the proposed conservatee's civil rights and that all persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities should have representation in accordance with Probate Code Section 1471. We are also aware that some courts have been allowed the use of a general conservatorships and in some cases have not required that the proposed conservatee be represented by counsel or require a report from their regional center.

The Arc of California is among the largest and oldest community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We support advocacy efforts that promote and protect the human rights of people with IDD and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 916-552-6619.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Anderson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Teresa Anderson
Public Policy Director