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April 6, 2020

The Honorable Assemblyman Randy Voepel Member of the Assembly, 71<sup>st</sup> Assembly District State Capitol Suite #4009 Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: AB 2046 (Voepel) as Amended on March 3, 2020

Position: Support

Dear Assemblyman Voepel,

On behalf of the California Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, a non-profit organization with 660 members who are certified as family law specialists by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization, I write to support Assembly Bill 2046 ("AB 2046"), as amended.

Existing law provides that if a person who is required to pay child support is disabled, meets certain federal eligibility requirements, and is receiving or would be eligible for certain state and federal disability payments, and the person has supplied the local child support agency with proof of eligibility or receipt of these benefits, then the order/notice to withhold income issued for the liquidation of a support arrearage shall not exceed 5% of that person's total monthly disability payments.

AB 2046 would similarly provide for a 5% limit to disability compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a person who meets specified income requirements and has supplied the local child support agency with proof of receipt of disability compensation.

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AB 2046 strikes a fair balance between the needs of disabled veterans and the needs of children. The bill also places disabled veterans in a comparable position as non-veteran disabled persons who owe support. For these reasons, ACFLS supports AB 2046, as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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