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The Honorable Isadore Hall, III  
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Re: AB 2017 (Hall) YMCA Youth and Government Program – Support

Dear Assemblyman Hall:

The Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI), founded in 1989 as part of the University of San Diego School of Law, seeks to improve the health, safety, and well-being of children. CAI is an academic center and statewide advocacy group representing the interests of California's children. We are writing this letter in support of AB 2017 (Hall).

Giving children the tools and knowledge to understand and work within our legislative and judicial processes is vital to the health of our democracy. The California YMCA Youth & Government Program is an existing program with over 62 years of success in educating and empowering California's children on how to use our legislative system to tackle public policy issues. Allowing California citizens to donate funds to this program will allow this program to continue without adding a financial burden on to the state.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in any way. I can be reached at [eh4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eh4@sbcglobal.net) or 916.844.5646.

Sincerely,

Ed Howard

Cc: Members of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee