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The Honorable Mark Leno
State Capitol, Room 5100
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RE: SB 178 (Leno) Support

Dear Senator Leno:

I am writing on behalf of Adobe in support of SB 178 (Leno) The California Electronic Privacy Communications Privacy Act, which requires law enforcement to obtain a warrant before accessing digital information from electronic devices and web-based storage. As a cloud-based software provider, Adobe strongly supports SB 178 because it protects individual privacy while enabling law enforcement to effectively serve the public.

SB 178 updates California privacy laws to reflect recent changes in technology. Existing privacy laws were created before the public began storing an abundant amount of personal information online. These existing laws do not adequately protect all information stored online and some communications stored online receive Fourth Amendment protections while others do not. This inconsistency enables law enforcement to obtain some private online information through a mere court order or subpoena, while at the same time law enforcement is required to obtain a search warrant to access other private online information. SB 178 treats all private electronic information the same by requiring law enforcement to obtain a search warrant issued by a judge upon a showing of probable cause before accessing communications stored online.



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At Adobe, we continue to believe that all of our customers' private communications should receive full constitutional protections, regardless of whether they are stored at home, at work, or in the cloud. Therefore, Adobe strongly supports AB 178. This legislation is critical to consumer and business confidence in adopting cloud services, and we will continue to work to help ensure it is signed into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anne Perkins'.