March 12, 2015

Honorable Mark Leno
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 178 (Leno) – Support

Dear Senator Leno:

LinkedIn is a “members first” organization, where member privacy is paramount. That’s why we’re pleased to join the diverse group of companies, academics, and advocacy organizations supporting SB 178.

LinkedIn’s vision is to create economic opportunity for the global workforce. We seek to fulfill this vision through the Economic Graph, a digital mapping of the global economy that helps members of the global workforce realize their professional potential by finding employment, improving their skills, and sharing their expertise with the world.

By our estimate, 60 percent of California’s workforce uses LinkedIn – and a critical component to their efforts to generate economic opportunity for themselves and others is updating and modernizing the laws that govern access to digital data and communications. Your proposed legislation would help achieve that goal by adding much needed clarity and transparency to existing government access laws, while not unduly hindering legitimate law enforcement investigations.

We appreciate and support this important effort to modernize the law governing access to electronic data and to maintain California’s leadership in the technology sector.

Sincerely,

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