



March 11th, 2015

State Senator Mark Leno
455 Golden Gate Avenue #14800
San Francisco CA 94102

Re: SB 178 – CAL-ECPA – California Electronic Communications Privacy Act

Dear Senator Leno,

Restore the Fourth's Bay Area chapter is pleased to endorse SB 178, the California Electronic Communications Privacy Act.

Restore the Fourth is a national organization formed in the wake of the Snowden revelations that believes pervasive government surveillance poses an unprecedented threat to freedom of expression and conscience.

The Internet today is more dangerous place than ever. Internet is now an arena for stalkers and harassers, large scale criminal enterprises, and geopolitical conflict of all sorts. In this environment, consumers and businesses must make a stark choice self made internet infrastructure that is nigh impossible to secure but offers the greatest legal protection and the considerable security resources of the large Internet companies.

Other states like Texas, Maine and Utah have already taken the step resolving this absurd contradiction with their updated privacy laws. California should be the next state to take this step. We strongly support the passage of this bill in Assembly and Senate and hope for Governor Brown's signature.

Thank you,

Zaki Manian, Board Member, Restore the Fourth.