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The Honorable Mark Leno
Member, California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 178 (Leno) Electronic Communications – Search Warrants - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Leno:

On behalf of Small Business California and its network of more than 5,000 employers who represent 3.6 million small businesses in this state, we are pleased to **STRONGLY SUPPORT Your SB 178** that would prohibit law enforcement officers or government entity from confiscating or accessing any electronic device without a search warrant or wiretap order, except under emergency situations. This bill would define a number of terms for those purposes, including, among others, "electronic communication information," "service provider," and "electronic device information."

SB 178 would also require a search warrant for electronic communication information to encompass no more information than is necessary to achieve the objective of the search and would impose other conditions on the use of the search warrant or wiretap order and the information obtained, including retention and disclosure.

Small Business California believes SB 178 is an important measure that will protect the privacy of all small businesses and their customers and will ensure that any information used, would only be taken in the event of an emergency.

For these reasons and more, **Small Business California strongly SUPPORTS you Senate Bill 178.** We greatly appreciate your leadership in this policy area and we look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure passage of this very important legislation. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 415.680.2109 or email at shauge@smallbusinesscalifornia.org. Or, you may contact our Governmental Affairs Advocate in Sacramento, Lori Kammerer, Kammerer & Company, at 916.441.5674 or at LCK@midtown.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Hauge".
Scott Hauge, President
Small Business California