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The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Net Neutrality (SB 822) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wiener:

In December 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) took questionable action to repeal the Net Neutrality Rule. The FCC's action left all Americans, including Californians, without the protections that allowed consumers to collectively build the most democratic and entrepreneurial communication network in human history.

Preserving Net Neutrality protections for California's consumers is a priority of the Attorney General's Office (AGO). It is why our office filed suit along with the Attorneys General of 20 sister states and the District of Columbia challenging the FCC's repeal of the Net Neutrality Rule. Our case is pending before a federal district court in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

While the Attorney General supports the bill as drafted, he urges you to consider adding a provision that would allow consumers who are harmed by a violation of SB 822 to bring an action under the existing provisions of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act to protect their right to an open internet.

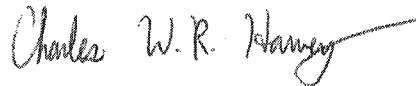
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The AGO believes measures are needed that will guarantee Californians robust Net Neutrality protections and close loopholes that, if left unchecked, could be detrimental to California's consumers. Legislation, like Senate Bill 822, which institutes robust and indispensable Net Neutrality protections constitutes the type of measure that, after thorough and careful consideration, deserves the support of the California Legislature.

Sincerely,



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