



September 7, 2018

Governor Jerry Brown
California Governor
State Capitol, Room 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 822 (Wiener and De Leon) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

We urge you to sign the California Internet Consumer Protection and Net Neutrality Act of 2018 (Senate Bill 822), into law.

As companies who stand in strong support of open internet principles, we recognize the enforcement role that government entities play in ensuring such protections are afforded to constituents.

California consumers - indeed all Americans - deserve access to an open internet, not just in name, but in practice. We applaud the California legislature for considering a common sense rulemaking that would preserve this important right.

While we strongly support net neutrality protections at the federal level, as established by Congress or by the Federal Communications Commission, the wake of the FCC's decision in December 2017 to roll back the Open Internet Order protections has created uncertainty over whether a replacement regulatory regime will be established at the federal level.

In your 2017 State of the State speech you pledged: "California is not turning back. Not now, not ever." In that spirit, signing SB 822 would be a fitting legacy of your governorship for the state of California, enshrining common sense consumer protections that California consumers deserve.

The strength of the internet economy relies on open and accessible communications. As the home state of so many companies who are powering the innovation economy, California can lead the way.



Consumers benefit when that access is enshrined and protected, and companies like ours benefit from the predictability of codified regulations and mechanisms to appeal and investigate anti-competitive behavior. Fair play requires not just reasonable rules but also a referee on the ground to enforce them.

That's why we write to express our support for true net neutrality protections.

We urge you to sign Senate Bill 822 by Senator Kevin de León and Senator Scott Wiener.

Sincerely,

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