

September 4, 2018

Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 822 (Wiener) - Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown,

California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), a statewide policy alliance of more than 10,000 organizations, is the voice for California's nonprofit community. Through our advocacy work, we protect and enhance the ability of California's nonprofits to serve our state, the nation and the world. I am writing to support SB 822 which will establish the strongest net neutrality protections for consumers in the country and ensure that the internet remains a free and open space for speech, commerce, and communication.

As noted in CalNonprofits' seminal report, *Causes Count: The Economic Power of California's Nonprofit Sector*, nonprofits are a large and vital part of California's economy, with nonprofit economic activity contributing 15% of California's Gross State Product. Like for-profit businesses, nonprofits rely on the internet for their day-to-day operations.

Net neutrality allows all nonprofits, regardless of their size, to have equal access to all parts of the internet at the same speed. Nonprofits use the internet to reach their constituents and clients, for instance to help domestic violence victims find legal help or seniors connect with emergency health services. Nonprofits also rely on the internet for essential operations such as online payroll and banking services and fundraising. Without net neutrality, nonprofits will have to pay more for internet service, hindering our ability to provide crucial services to Californians.

CalNonprofits urges you to sign SB 822 because it keeps the internet open and equal for everyone in California, including nonprofits and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,



Jan Masaoka,
CEO, California Association of Nonprofits

cc: Jennifer Fearing, Sacramento Advocate, California Association of Nonprofits
Senator Scott Wiener