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May 18, 2020

The Honorable Ben Hueso  
Chair, Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications  
State Capitol Building, Room 4035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1058 (Hueso) Communications: Moore Universal Telephone Service Act and Internet Service Providers.**  
**Notice of Support (As Amended 05/06/20)**

Dear Senator Hueso,

The League of California Cities (League) is pleased to **Support** SB 1058 (Hueso), which would require every internet service provider to have an emergency operations plan, and ensures Lifeline telephone subscribers continue to have affordable access to voice services.

Specifically, SB 1058 requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to evaluate how federal reductions in Lifeline telephone service subsidies and lack of access to affordable and reliable broadband are impacting Lifeline subscriber rates. SB 1058 would also require the CPUC to adjust state subsidies to ensure these rates remain low. The League continues to support efforts to ensure everyone has access to telecommunications services.

Additionally, SB 1058 requires every internet service provider to file an emergency operations plan to the CPUC detailing how the provider will deliver reliable communications during an emergency or disaster that leads to deenergization of the electrical grid. This plan would include sites for backup power, points of contact provided to state and local emergency operations offices, and identification of expenditure plans for broadband deployment.

These emergency plans are a step in the right direction, working towards ensuring reliable communications and data networks for community members and essential services, such as police and fire, during times of emergency.

For these reasons, the League supports SB 1058. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 658-8252.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles W.R. Harvey".

Charles Harvey  
Legislative Representative



cc.     The Honorable Ben Hueso  
         Members, Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications  
         Sarah Smith, Consultant, Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications  
         Kerry Yoshida, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus