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Dear Senator Feinstein and Senator Harris,

Thank you for fighting to restore Net Neutrality by cosponsoring S.J.Res.52. The Association of California School Administrators-California School Board Partnership (ACSA-CSBA Partnership) strongly supports passage of the resolution and we are grateful for your support.

The Association of California School Administrators represents more than 17,000 school leaders and the California School Boards Association serves more than 5,000 locally elected school board members. The groups formed the ACSA-CSBA Federal Partnership to educate federal policymakers about California's school districts and to work collaboratively to champion programs and policies important to the state's students and their families, including defending student and family access to the free and open internet.

The FCC's rushed decision to eliminate the 2015 Open Internet Regulations will expose many California school districts to higher costs, fewer innovations, and slower speeds, especially districts serving economically vulnerable rural and low-income communities that often lack market choices. The FCC's decision raises several concerns for school districts and other education stakeholders. First, broadband companies may begin charging content providers new fees to deliver digital learning content -- and those costs may be passed on to schools. Second, new entrants into the education technology market may be blocked or have their services slowed by broadband providers that want to feature their own services or applications, or the services of other companies willing and able to pay for preferential treatment. Third, districts that lack market power -- especially rural and low-income communities served by a single broadband provider -- may be exposed to higher costs and degraded service.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical education technology issues. We would be pleased to talk with you or your staff about any questions you may have about Net Neutrality and California's school districts.

Sincerely,

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