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RE: OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 822

To the Honorable Anthony Wiener:

We at the California Civil Liberties Association feel that net neutrality is of vital importance to a well-informed public. While we supported Senator Weiner initial bill, we see the current amended, watered down version as a “get out of jail free” offering to the various telecoms who would exploit such weak legislation. As the amended bill stands there is absolutely no penalty to the corporations for speed capping or “fast lane” creation practices except for the potential loss of government contracts. While this may be considered a financial burden, it is nothing compared to the potential damage to the free access to information which should be the public’s right. As an organization, we strongly oppose the bill as amended and urge you to vote no on this corporate handout.

Best regards,

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*“Indifference to personal liberty is but the precursor of the state’s hostility to it.”
— Justice Kennedy, U.S. Supreme Court*