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RE: AB1262 (Wood)

Dear Assembly Appropriations Committee Members:

We are writing to express our strong support for AB 1262 (Wood), Telecommunications: Universal Service: California Advance Services Fund (CASF), to transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account. The bill passed unanimously on Consent in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee on April 20th.

For the past three years, rural and urban regional consortia have been working to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and to advance broadband adoption in unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. AB 1262 would allow consortia to continue working with telecommunication providers and key community stakeholders to promote CASF for years to come.

We think AB 1262 is essential to achieving the state's broadband goal of reaching 98% broadband deployment and 80% adoption for California by 2015, goals acknowledged by the California Broadband Council (CBC); California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

We sincerely thank Assembly Member Wood for introducing this legislation and we commend the Assembly Appropriations Committee on your commitment to help close the Digital Divide in California. Attached is a list and letters endorsing AB 1262 showing widespread support throughout the state and providing evidence that funding for the regional consortia is fiscally prudent.

Sincerely,

The California Regional Broadband Consortia Leaders

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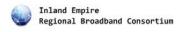
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AB 1262 (Wood) Support List

Updated: April 21, 2015

- 211 San Bernardino County
- Access Humboldt
- Anza Electric Cooperative
- Cal State San Bernardino
- California Center for Rural Policy
- CA Emerging Technology Fund
- California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
- Central Coast Broadband Consortium
- Central Sierra Connect Broadband Consortia
- City of Bishop
- City of California City
- City of Ridgecrest
- City of Riverside
- City of Tehachapi
- Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium
- Contra Costa Economic Partnership
- Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in CA (CENIC)
- County of Alpine
- County of Del Norte
- County of El Dorado
- County of Humboldt

- County of Mariposa
- County of Modoc
- County of Mono
- County of Nevada
- County of Riverside
- County of Tehama
- County of Trinity
- County of Tuolumne
- County of Sacramento
- County of San Bernardino
- County of Shasta
- County of Sierra
- County of Ventura
- County of Yolo
- Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium
- Economic Development Collaborative – Ventura County
- Economic Vitality Corporation
- Edgewood Companies
- High Desert Community Foundation
- Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium
- Kern Community College Districts

- Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortia
- North Bay/North Coast Broadband Consortium
- Northeastern CA Connect Consortium
- North Lake Tahoe Chamber
- Plumas-Sierra
 Telecommunications
- Praxis Associates
- Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)
- San Bernardino Community College District
- San Diego Imperial Regional Consortium

- San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium
- Sierra Ecosystem Associates
- Sierra Economic Development Corporation (SedCrop)
- SMARTRiverside
- Tahoe Prosperity Center
- Town of Mammoth Lakes
- Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority
- Upstate CA Connect Consortium
- Volcano Communications Group
- West Kern Community College Districts
- Yuba Community College Districts