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Senator Mark Leno
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Leno,

Twitter offers our support for SB 178 the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) that would protect consumers' electronic communications and device data from government search and seizure without a warrant.

Current federal law that extends fourth amendment rights to electronic communications is nearly 30 years out of date. As technology and the nature of data transmission and storage has changed, the protections afforded by the Federal ECPA law has largely lapsed. Although there is broad support for ECPA reform in Washington, it is unclear if Congress will act in timely fashion to clarify Federal law. This leaves the responsibility of protecting consumer's rights in the hands of private communications service providers.

SB 178 will modernize electronic communications protection and ensure that, in California, an individual's digital property cannot be seized without a warrant. By acting in timely fashion, SB 178 will set a standard for protecting the rights of users everywhere that can and should be replicated across the country.

Twitter believes in defending and protecting our users and is proud to support this important piece of legislation. We look forward to working with your office to ensure its passage. If we can be of any help please contact Tom Tarantino, Twitter's State and Local Policy Manager at tarantino@twitter.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Tarantino", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

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