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The Honorable Assemblymember Mike Gipson  
1021 O Street, Suite 6210  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2279 (Gipson): California Advanced Services Fund--Support

Dear Assemblymember Gipson,

On behalf of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, I write to support AB 2279- California Advanced Services Fund: Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

AB 2279 seeks to close the digital divide, promote digital inclusion, and achieve true digital equity across California. It aims to strengthen the partnership between the regional broadband consortium and the California Public Utilities Commission, close the digital divide, promoting the digital inclusion and achieve the digital equity.

California faces a precedence digital divide. Millions of low-income housing and rural residents lack meaningful broadband access. The regional broadband consortium are the local experts in their community helping to close the digital divide. They position, as regional hubs to coordinate infrastructure development, connecting underserved communities to affordable services and deliver digital literacy programs, but only if funds are empowered to do so. Under current law, the regional, broadband consortium authorize authorized limit or authorized limited funds, are available.

AB 2279 seeks to expand the Regional Broadband Consortium authorized modern modernizing, their funds structure by amending the California Advanced Servicing funds. Specifically, the bill would do the following--expand authority for the regional broadband consortium, engage in all aspects of broadband's development and adoption, and perform, reform, grants from reimbursement based to performance based, payment. For the above reasons, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors support AB 2279.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernie Norvell".

Bernie Norvell, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

CC: The Honorable Mike McGuire, Member of the California State Senate  
The Honorable Chris Rogers, California State Assembly, 2nd District  
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)  
Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)

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