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February 19, 2014

President Michael Peevey and Members
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: DRAFT RESOLUTION T-17429 – INCREASE FUNDING
LEVEL TO 83% FOR THE CONNECTED CENTRAL COAST
UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED BROADBAND PROJECT

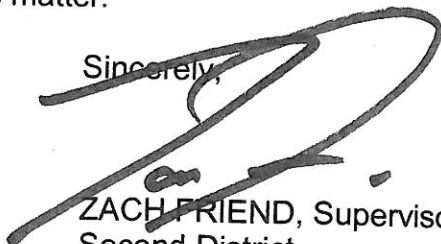
Dear President Peevey and Commissioners:

I am writing again in strong support of Resolution T-17429 which would fund the Connected Central Coast Unserved and Underserved Broadband Project out of the California Advanced Services Fund. I urge you to increase the funding award level to 83% of the total project cost. The viability of this project is in jeopardy at lower funding levels.

Without question, the communities that would be served by this project currently lack broadband access common through much of the urban corridors in the state. This lack of access puts the thousands of students and local residents at a disadvantage compared to those who live in areas where adequate levels of broadband service are available. Businesses, public safety agencies and health care institutions are similarly challenged by this issue and the Commission has the unique ability to equal this playing field. We all have a role in the betterment of economic and social access for our communities and this opportunity before the Commission allows significant improvements to be seen throughout the proposed corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



ZACH FRIEND, Supervisor
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