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Senate Judiciary
California State Capitol
1315 10th St
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 883 – “Data brokers: deletion of personal information of elected officials and judges” (Oppose Unless Amend)

Dear Chair Umberg & Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

On behalf of the Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA) and the undersigned organizations, I write in a respectful Oppose Unless Amend position to AB 883. CCIA is an international, not-for-profit trade association representing a broad cross-section of communications and technology firms.¹ Proposed regulations on the interstate provision of digital services can therefore significantly impact CCIA members. CCIA and its members share the goal of protecting online users and supporting safe digital experiences.

While CCIA and our partner organizations recognize the intent of the bill and appreciate the direction of the amendments provided, we still have significant concerns about the new private right of action created by the legislation.

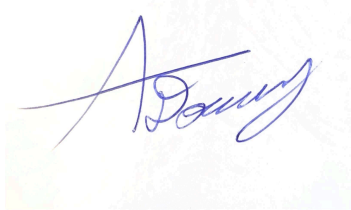
The bill’s private right of action would result in the proliferation of frivolous lawsuits and claims, and exorbitant statutory damages.

The private right of action would result in the proliferation of frivolous lawsuits, questionable claims, and exorbitant damages. AB 883 permits elected officials, judges, their authorized agents, and public attorneys to bring civil action against data brokers that have been accused of violating new data deletion regulations. The bill would enable plaintiffs to pursue actual damages; punitive damages, where a willful refusal to delete protected information is proven; as well as reasonable attorney’s fees, declaratory, and injunctive relief. By creating a new private right of action, the measure would open the doors of California’s courthouses to plaintiffs advancing frivolous claims with little evidence of actual injury. As lawsuits prove

¹ For more than 50 years, CCIA has promoted open markets, open systems, and open networks. CCIA members employ more than 1.6 million workers, invest more than \$100 billion in research and development, and contribute trillions of dollars in productivity to the global economy. A list of CCIA members is available at <https://www.cciagnet.org/members>.

extremely costly and time-intensive, it is foreseeable that these costs would be passed on to individuals in California, disproportionately impacting smaller businesses and startups across the state.²

Sincerely,



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² Trevor Wagener, *State Regulation of Content Moderation Would Create Enormous Legal Costs for Platforms*, Broadband Breakfast (Mar. 23, 2021), <https://broadbandbreakfast.com/trevor-wagener-state-regulation-of-content-moderation-would-create-enormous-legal-costs-for-platforms/>.