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June 26, 2024

The Honorable Tina McKinnor California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Suite 5520 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2797 (McKinnor) Carrier of Last Resort. Oppose (As amended June 10, 2024) Hearing: July 2, 2024

Dear Assembly Member McKinnor:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully write to oppose AB 2797, which removes AT&T as a Carrier of Last Resort provider. This will result in their abandonment of responsibilities and leave many without reliable and affordable access to basic telephone service.

Sacramento County relies on landlines to provide emergency notifications to subscribers to Sacramento-Alert. Our system currently has 317,165 landlines from carrier data, 53,157 landlines from Opt-Ins, which total 370,322. While the carrier will recommend VOIP phones, should those phones lose power or network connectivity, they cannot receive emergency alert calls. Access to landline phones is still an important component of our emergency alert system.

For these reasons, Sacramento County opposes AB 2797. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or <u>deborde@saccounty.gov</u>.

Respectfully,

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cc: Sacramento County Delegation Chair and Members, Board of Supervisors Audrey Ratajczak, Cruz Strategies Kalyn Dean, CSAC