Here are instructions for submitting a Letter of Support for SB 716 (Durazo):

California Home Internet LifeLine Act of 2025

YOUR LETTER MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 23, 2025 by Noon (12pm) through the California Legislature Position Letter Portal – https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/.

SB 716 (Durazo), the California Home Internet LifeLine Act of 2025, will be set for hearing in Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications.

- Establish an account if you have not done so previously.
- Sign up as an individual or a representative for an organization.
- Sign-in as required.

How Do to Get Started – It Is Very Easy

Edit the sample Letter of Support to describe your organization and reflect your views. Include an example of a community or person that you've helped in the past who will benefit from this legislation.

Put the letter on your organization letterhead or simply insert your logo into the header (click on "Insert" to edit header by removing the placeholder and inserting your logo).

Sign the letter.

Complete a one-time <u>registration</u> to obtain a username and password, log in to submit your position letter as a registered lobbyist, organization, or individual seeking to communicate your views to the author's staff as well as the Committee that will be hearing the bill.

Submit your letter to the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications.

If you need more help, review the site FAQs, click <u>here</u>.

Please send a copy of your Letter of Support to CETF: Kyle.ORyan@CETFund.org

Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications 1021 O Street, Suite 3350 Sacramento, California 95814

Support SB 716: California Home Internet LifeLine Act of 2025

Dear Chair Josh Becker, Vice-Chair Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, and Committee Members Benjamin Allen, Bob Archuleta, Jesse Arreguín, Angelique Ashby, Anna Caballero, Megan Dahle, Lena Gonzalez, Shannon Grove, Melissa Hurtado, Monique Limón, Jerry McNerney, Susan Rubio, Henry Stern, Tony Strickland, and Aisha Wahab:

On behalf of the *ORGANIZATIONAL NAME*, we are writing to urge you to support the California Home Internet LifeLine Act of 2025 (SB 716) to expand LifeLine support to a home Internet services while preserving the existing telephone LifeLine program. According to the 2023 Statewide Digital Equity Survey, affordability is the top reason for low-income HHs not being connected to the Internet with 35.6% of Unconnected households stating it is the top reason versus only 2.7% cite the lack of Internet infrastructure.

On behalf of *ORGANIZATIONAL NAME* and our community, we have first-hand knowledge and experience that home Internet services are important and necessary for the community to participate in in the digital world. *ORGANIZATIONAL NAME* assists community members by *ADD ORGANIZATIONAL WORK TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY MEMBERS*.

We request your "aye" vote on SB 716 to ensure that Californians have access to affordable Internet to participate in the digital age. Please do not give SB716 opponents without a viable solution to have a veto on Digital Equity for our most needy Californians. Now is the time to move forward to act in the public interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

[SIGNED]

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