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The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
304 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
1401 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 6929, the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act of 2024 – Support

Dear Congressman Panetta and Congresswoman Lofgren:

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 6929, the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act of 2024.

This legislation would provide \$7 billion for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides affordable high-speed internet options to qualifying households across the U.S. The program, which is administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), is projected to be exhausted by April 2024 without additional funding.

Since its implementation, over 22.5 million households have utilized the program's monthly discount of up to \$30 for internet service, and up to \$75 monthly for those living on Tribal lands. This program has been utilized by over 800,000 veterans, one million college students, 3.1 million families with a K-12 student receiving free or reduced-price lunch, and 5 million seniors across the United States.

As you know, high-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Today, 2,794,572 California households are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program. That's about 1 in 5 households in the state. California has received \$1,301,075,460 in funding from the Affordable Connectivity Program. That means California families are saving about \$74.2 million total each month.

We urge you to cosponsor H.R. 6929 and thank you for your continued support for affordable internet connectivity for all Monterey County residents.

Sincerely,

Glenn Church, Chair
Board of Supervisors

