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The Honorable Alex Padilla
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Laphonza Butler
G-12 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: S. 3565, the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act of 2024 – Support

Dear Senator Padilla and Senator Butler:

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for S. 3565, 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 U.S.

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 each month.

We urge you to cosponsor S. 3565 and thank you for your continued support for affordable internet connectivity for all Monterey County residents.

Sincerely,

Glenn Church, Chair
Board of Supervisors

