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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 28 (Caballero) – Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (DIVCA): deployment data.  
Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) respectfully requests your signature of Senate Bill 28 by Senator Anna Caballero, which expands the authority of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to collect granular data about digital services and to set customer services requirements for cable providers.

Inequitable access to broadband is a longstanding issue, but the COVID-19 pandemic’s effects on students, workers, small businesses, and everyday life has highlighted just how severe and urgent the disparity is. Rural parts of the state, low-density areas, and communities with lower-income residents are the least likely to have access to broadband.

CSAC believes that there is significantly more that should be done to determine whether DIVCA, a program that has been in place fifteen years without evaluation or reform, has met its stated goals of expanding access, reducing prices, and increasing competition related to digital services.

However, CSAC appreciates Senator Caballero’s efforts and believe SB 28 takes a step in the right direction by ensuring the CPUC has additional data to enforce its digital service oversight powers. For these reasons, CSAC respectfully requests your signature on SB 28. If there are any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at [gneill@counties.org](mailto:gneill@counties.org).

Sincerely,

Geoff Neill  
Legislative Representative

cc: Senator Anna Caballero