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May 16, 2016

The Honorable Evan Low  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2175  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0028

RE: AB 2395 Replacement of Switched Phone Networks

Dear Assemblymember Low:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing 2,500 local businesses, recognizes the need to update California's infrastructure. Whether transportation, water or public utilities, we must support policies that promote changes that create a cleaner, more efficient infrastructure for the residents and businesses of our state.

San Francisco's economy is dependent on advanced technologies and communication networks that are Internet based. For the entire state to benefit from the knowledge based economy that has grown throughout the Bay Area, we must invest in our digital infrastructure and advanced communications systems. We share your belief that outdated, inefficient copper wired phone service must be replaced wherever feasible.

IP and mobile networks bring increased competition and improved service. Investment in these systems will help drive California's innovation economy, while providing tremendous energy savings and widespread access to advanced technology.

The Chamber is pleased to support your efforts to find a legislative path that transitions the State to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century communication network.

Sincerely,

Jim Lazarus  
Vice President of Public Policy

cc: Senator Mark Leno, Assemblymember David Chiu, Assemblymember Phil Ting