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Vote NO on AB-1065

WHY? This bill would allow taxpayer funds to be used for slow, expensive, unreliable, low-quality wireless broadband projects instead of fiberoptic connections for which it was intended.

- **AB-1065 is a trick.** It inserts two little sentences into existing law, giving wireless companies the chance to compete equally with fiberoptic broadband for public funding intended to help close the digital divide.
- **AB 1065 won't close the digital divide. It will perpetuate it.** Wireless broadband is slow, unreliable, expensive, unregulated and incapable of scaling to provide the speeds needed in the digital age. **AB 1065** will create a legacy of poor internet service for millions of Californians.
- **The Federal Government has expressed its preference for fiber.** The National Telecommunications & Information Administration, the government agency responsible for administering \$65 billion in federal funding for broadband projects, requires that preference be given to fiberoptic broadband solutions *because they're better*, period.
- **We don't need more antennas in our neighborhoods.** Wireless antennas catch on fire, they can cause pole failure during severe storms, they lower property values for homes with antennas, they emit radiation all day and night whether nearby residents use the service or not, and they're ugly. No communities want more antennas.
- **Wireless broadband is not "high quality."** Government funding is meant to give Californians "high quality" broadband connections, not cheaper, second-rate connections that won't deliver the performance people will need.

We have a chance to finally solve the Digital Divide but only if the California Legislature kills this bad bill.

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