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Honorable Ted Lieu
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 50 (Lieu) - Support

Dear Senator Lieu:

DRA (the Division of Ratepayer Advocates) is the independent consumer advocate within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). DRA's statutory mandate is to obtain the lowest possible rates for utility services consistent with safe and reliable service levels. DRA also advocates for customer and environmental protections in connection with utility service.

DRA supports your SB 50, as amended on March 21st, which would extend existing coin-activated payphone regulation to payphone calls made by using any form of payment. This bill would eliminate the difference between regulations governing coin-activated payphone service and payphone service paid for using other payment methods.

SB 50 would extend important cost and contact disclosure requirements to all public payphone services regardless of the payment method. DRA supports this pro-consumer bill and we look forward to working with you to ensure this bill is enacted into law.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call DRA's Legislative Advisor Rebecca Tsai-Wei Lee, at (916) 327-1407 or me at (415) 703- 2381.

Respectfully,

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By
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