



June 5, 2023

Senate Education Committee
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT AB 787 (Gabriel) — Digital Citizenship & Media Literacy

Chair Josh Newman & Members:

Californians for Civic Learning (CCL) is a statewide coalition of civic education providers and thought leaders. Our mission is to act as California's unifying voice for promoting robust civic learning across all grade levels for all students. CCL's vision is to ensure that all Californians are informed, responsible, engaged participants in civic life, exemplifying the ideals and principles of our constitutional democracy.

Our leadership team includes Chairman Dave Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools; Bill Honig, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Fred Jones, Legislative Analyst for California Council for the Social Studies; Les Francis, former Deputy Chief of Staff for President Jimmy Carter; Dan Schnur, Lecturer at UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies and former FPPC Chair; and Elaine Ikeda, Executive Director of LEAD California. Our Coalition includes a number of school superintendents, non-profit civic education organizations, and higher education institutions. <https://ca4civiclearning.org/>

We believe digital citizenship and media literacy are essential elements of an active, informed and engaged citizenry. As such, we SUPPORT AB 787 (Gabriel), which would survey key educational staff statewide as to how they currently integrate digital citizenship and media literacy into their curricula, and have the SPI recommend to the Legislature strategies to implement best practices throughout California schools.

Sincerely,

Fred Jones
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David W. Gordon, Chair
Board of Directors

cc: Honorable Jesse Gabriel, author