



May 14, 2021

The Honorable David Chiu
California State Capitol
Sacramento CA 94249

Dear Assembly Member Chiu:

On behalf of BSA | The Software Alliance,¹ I am writing to thank you for your sponsorship AB1323, which seeks to prioritize the modernization of the state's legacy information technology systems. These proposals would greatly aid in California's continued economic recovery from the COVID-19 global pandemic.

BSA is the leading advocate for the enterprise software industry domestically and globally. Our members create the technologies that power the businesses of other companies and enable the digital transformation of industry sectors across the economy. BSA members provide cloud infrastructure services, customer relationship management software, human resources management programs, identity management services, and online collaboration software.

The nation – and California – are poised for economic recovery as the pandemic subsides. Adoption of critical digital tools has been essential for weathering the pandemic, allowing people to work, learn, and support local businesses from home when able – and many of these same technologies can play an outsized role in the expected economic recovery by helping organizations safely reopen.

BSA supports AB1323 opportunity to modernize state technology infrastructure and leave a legacy that will improve the lives of Californians for decades to come. By leveraging new technology in the design, construction, and operation of infrastructure, state, and local governments can help spur economic growth and job creation, incentivize domestic investment, and meet the current and future needs of Californians. Legacy technology creates redundancy across state agencies, frustration for Californians, and costly time delays for California's business's, large and small.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views and we look forward to provide you with any information you might find useful.

¹ BSA's members include: Adobe, Atlassian, Autodesk, Bentley Systems, Box, CNC/Mastercam, DocuSign, IBM, Informatica, MathWorks, Microsoft, Okta, Oracle, PTC, Salesforce, ServiceNow, Siemens Industry Software Inc., Slack, Splunk, Trend Micro, Trimble Solutions Corporation, Twilio, and Workday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Foulkes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "T" and "F".

Tom Foulkes
Senior Director, State Advocacy