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The Honorable Anna Caballero
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
California State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 869 (Irwin) – State Information Security and Zero Trust Architecture – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Caballero, Vice Chair Seyarto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Appropriations:

The Business Software Alliance (BSA) writes to express our support for Assembly Bill 869, important legislation addressing state information security and Zero Trust architecture in California. BSA is the leading advocate for the global software industry.¹ BSA members are at the forefront of developing cutting-edge services, and their products are used by businesses of all sizes across every sector of the economy.²

AB 869 represents a critical advancement in fortifying the State of California's cybersecurity posture by mandating the adoption of a Zero Trust security architecture. Such a framework is consistent with established federal directives and the practices of private-sector organizations.

The legislative mandate within AB 869 for state entities to implement core tenets of Zero Trust—such as multi-factor authentication, endpoint detection and response, and centralized security logging—exemplifies forward-thinking policy required to protect sensitive public data and critical infrastructure within the contemporary, dynamic threat environment.

As California digitizes its public services and infrastructure, the adoption of modern security paradigms is not merely advantageous but imperative. Frameworks centered on

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² See The Business Software Alliance [Artificial Intelligence in Every Sector](#)

robust identity verification, stringent access controls, and continuous monitoring are fundamental to strong cybersecurity. AB 869 constitutes prudent public policy and represents a powerful commitment to secure state data, the trust of its citizens, and the reliability of its digital services.

We commend Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin for her leadership on this important issue and respectfully request the Committee advance AB 869 to the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

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