

Senator Kamala D. Harris Statement of Support for Travis LeBlanc

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Chairman Graham, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I write today to express my strong and unqualified support for the nomination of Travis LeBlanc to the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB).

In 2011, while serving as the Attorney General of California, I appointed Travis to the role of Special Assistant Attorney General, and he spent two years serving the people of our state with integrity and tenacity. In two short years, he helped to design and launch California's statewide Privacy Enforcement and Protection Unit, as well as the California eCrime Unit. Travis oversaw much of the California Department of Justice's work on privacy, cybersecurity, and high-tech crime, and he was critical to negotiating a global agreement between the State and major technology companies to improve privacy protections for consumers on mobile devices.

As Chief of the Enforcement Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission, Travis secured more than \$50 million for privacy and security violations that placed individuals and their data at risk. During his tenure, the FCC also entered into \$353 million of settlements with AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon because of unlawful billing practices.

Travis has spoken about privacy and data security as "*the civil rights issue of the twenty-first century*" and has spent much of his career working to make privacy a lived reality for individuals across our country. The PCLOB will be well-served by his expertise and his commitment to service. I support his nomination wholeheartedly and urge the Committee and the full Senate to do the same.