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Honorable David Livingston, Chair
Senate Committee on Finance
Arizona State Senate
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Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 1642

Dear Chair Livingston and Committee Members:

On behalf of CTIA, the trade association for the wireless communications industry, I write in opposition to Senate Bill 1642.

While we take no position on the bill’s overall objectives, we are concerned that, if passed, SB 1642 could unintentionally weaken security measures and expose consumers to security and privacy risks, including malware and other fraudulent schemes, thereby expanding the threat landscape for mobile devices.

CTIA is proud to represent the nation’s leading innovators from carriers and equipment manufacturers to mobile app developers and content creators. We represent one of the most dynamic U.S. industries, enabling Americans to lead a 21st Century connected life. That success, however, depends squarely on the ability to build and maintain consumer trust. Maintaining platforms that ensure a secure environment for their millions of users is of paramount importance.

Our members pride themselves on providing safe and secure mobile experiences for their users. As we navigate the challenges of today’s mobile ecosystem, protecting privacy, security and intellectual property is essential, both for people and platforms. As the legislature
considers how it might enhance interoperability, we urge it to reject solutions – like SB 1642 – that have the unintended effect of compromising critical consumer protections.

Sincerely,

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