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Office of the Attorney General
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Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: Form 700 Electronic Signature Regulations

Dear Commissioners:

The Department of Justice (DOJ) writes in support of the Fair Political Practices Commission's proposed electronic signature regulations (proposed Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §§ 18104, 18115, 18115.2, 18723.1, 18757). By permitting Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest to be filed using a secure electronic signature, these regulations will significantly reduce costs and increase efficiency for DOJ and numerous other state agencies that are currently restricted to requiring these statements be filed as physical hard copies containing a "wet signature." The Department also believes that the proposed criteria for secure electronic signatures will adequately address security and evidentiary concerns.

Sincerely,

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For **ROB BONTA**
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