

A Resolution Supporting ALA Legal Action Against CIPA

**Unanimously Adopted by the California Association of
Library Trustees and Commissioners Executive Board
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WHEREAS the recently enacted Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandates that libraries and schools install and use filtering software on public Internet computers as a prerequisite for receiving federal funds, including LSTA and E-rate funds; and the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners opposes attempts by federal and state governments to set local library policy; and

WHEREAS, the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners believes software filters are inherently inadequate to distinguish subtle complexities of language and certainly are inadequate to the task of blocking illegal materials, as defined by complex legal criteria; and

WHEREAS the American Library Association has resolved to challenge CIPA in federal courts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners endorses and supports this legal action by the American Library Association.