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A bracket is provided for sturdily supporting and maintaining alignment of a plug-in type connector which is mounted to a circuit board adjacent a panel of a computer box. The support provided by the bracket helps the connector to withstand forces from a mated plug by transmitting undesirable forces to the panel. The bracket includes a front panel having an opening to receive a plug. An embracing member extends rearwardly from the front plate, having an opening for receiving a portion of the connector. In an embodiment, the front plate abuts an interior surface of the panel when the connector is mounted, and the bracket may be secured to the panel by screws. In an embodiment, the bracket is integral to the panel, wherein the panel serves as the front plate of the bracket.

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