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Assembly Member Paul Krekorian  
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Dear Assembly Member Krekorian:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 1271** (as introduced February 27, 2009), your proposal removing the requirement that a voter be ill or disabled in order to authorize another person to return the voter's vote by mail ballot.

The Committee is in **Support** of this bill. Many vote by mail voters find themselves in a situation where they are unable to return their ballots personally, and if they have waited until it is too late to return the ballot by mail, they are disenfranchised. In some instances the voter's spouse, or parent may prefer to vote at the polls and offer to deliver the voter's ballot on their behalf. This bill will remove a barrier to voting by mail and will help to increase voter turnout.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office at 707-565-1876.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson  
Correspondence Secretary  
California Association of Clerks  
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