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Assembly Member Jerry Hill
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Dear Assembly Member Hill:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials has reviewed **AB 293 (as introduced February 9, 2011)**, your proposal requiring election officials to establish a free-access system for a voter to establish whether or not his or her vote by mail ballot was counted, and if not, the reason for rejection.

The Committee has voted to **Support** this bill. Many counties already have such a system in place, and while it does impose some costs on counties, the cost is thought to be minimal. As more voters opt to cast their ballots by mail, it is imperative that there be a system by which they can verify the receipt and status of their ballots.

If you or your staff have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office at (707) 565-1876.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson
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