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The Honorable Jerry Brown Governor, State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials urges your approval of **AB 84 (Fong)** which awaits your signature. This proposal allows new citizens, who gain their citizenship within 14 days of an election, to register to vote and participate in the election.

All too often citizenship swearing-in ceremonies occur just days prior to an election, and newly sworn citizens are not provided an opportunity to participate. We, as election officials, would welcome the opportunity to register and enfranchise these new citizens who are truly some of the most enthusiastic and conscientious voters we encounter.

Please consider our support when determining whether or not to sign AB 503 into law. If you or your staff have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department at (831) 796-1499.

Very truly yours,

Linda Tulett Correspondence Secretary California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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