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Assembly Member Sandré Swanson

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Dear Assembly Member Swanson:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials' Elections Legislative Committee is restating its **Support of AB 867, (as introduced February 17, 2011)**, your proposal regarding the issuance and return of vote by mail ballots.

AB 867 allows any vote by mail voter to authorize a representative to receive and/or return his or her ballot. The proposal also repeals the requirement that a voter be ill or disabled in order to authorize someone to return his or her ballot. The proposal removes confusing and unnecessary barriers to participation in the election process, at no cost either to the State or to counties. At the same time, important protections against fraud, including written authorization of the representative; prohibition against campaigns and committees acting as authorized representatives (except in limited appropriate circumstances); and verification of the voter's signature upon receipt of the voted ballot, are maintained.

Current law serves only to confuse and frustrate voters who are attempting, in good faith, to participate in the election process. Voters see the current requirements as examples of needless bureaucracy, as do poll workers who are tasked with implementing and explaining the provisions. Removing these requirements will help to streamline the process of returning ballots to the polls.

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

Correspondence Secretary

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