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September 23, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee requests your signature on **SB 740** (Cedillo). This proposal provides that Provisional Ballots be rejected in the event the Provisional Voter does not sign the identification envelope (or the signature does not compare to that on file). It also provides that Provisional Ballot Identification Envelopes be retained for the same period as vote by mail identification envelopes.

While it appears that most counties are currently following the procedures set forth in the proposal, adding these requirements to the Elections Code will provide for consistent application statewide, and remove any confusion or possibility of misinterpretation.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707) 565-1876.

Very truly yours,

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