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

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey support and urges your approval of **AB 145** (Galgiani). The Committee had supported AB 2058 (Pan), an earlier version of this proposal.

AB 145, as with AB 2058, will prohibit any person, company or organization from agreeing to pay money or other valuable consideration on a per-affidavit basis to any person who assists another person to register to vote by receiving the completed form. It would also prohibit a person from accepting or receiving a per-affidavit consideration, require the election official to notify the payor of any payee who submits three or more affidavits that do not comply, and would make it a misdemeanor for any person who violates these provisions.

As election officials who are responsible for the integrity of the voter registration list of those eligible to vote, including enlisting deputy registrars to assist eligible electors to register, creating a misdemeanor crime for a per-affidavit payment or consideration will deter individuals from fraudulent activities and further protect the integrity of California's list of eligible voters.

Please consider our support when determining whether or not you will sign AB 145 into law. If you or your staff has any questions, 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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