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September 22, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Tom Dyer

Re: CACEO Support of AB 1535

Dear Governor Brown;

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials wishes to advise you that it supports AB 1535 which contains provisions requested by our Legislative Committee. The bill provides clarifying language on the requirements for requesting removal of a voter's name and signature from a petition and specifies the residency requirements for military and overseas voters. Both of these changes benefit voters and make it more likely that the voter's wishes and intent can be honored. Further, the ability to consolidate in vote by mail elections, under certain conditions, offers cost savings and efficiencies to the districts and for administration of elections.

We urge you to sign AB 1535. Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at <u>scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us</u> or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

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Scott O. Konopasek Corresponding Secretary California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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