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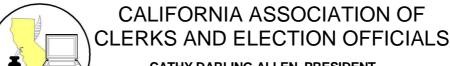
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March 17, 2014

The Honorable Norma Torres, Chair Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments State Capitol, Room 2048 Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 2219 (FONG) –CACEO Sponsored

Dear Senator Torres:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials proposed the changes to statute contained in AB 2219 in 2012. This bill requires counties to provide interim reports to the Secretary of State on the status of the examination of state petitions. This reporting will permit counties and the state to save time and resources by authorizing election officials to stop the examination process once the requisite number of signatures has been verified.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of issues important to our association and your support of efforts to streamline and make election processes more efficient. We ask your support of AB 2219 as this bill represents a significant effort to relieve counties of unnecessary costs verifying petitions while adding an additional level of transparency and accountability to the process.

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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