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Assembly Member Jeff Gorell, Author
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Dear Assembly Member Gorell:

Although the CACEO agrees with the general theme of AB 141, upon closer examination of the bill we have concerns about its intent being – obligatorily – related to the placement of a constitutional amendment on the ballot.

CACEO is concerned that there may be other issues related to Proposition 14 – not yet identified due to the relative newness of the Top Two Primary system - that may need to be addressed in the future. As such, we feel that it would be best to wait before presenting any Proposition 14 related measure to the voters. Such an approach will likely lead to less voter confusion and probable cost and operational efficiencies for elections officials.

Due to our concerns, we are removing our current support position for the bill but would be very much interested to work with you in the future on the general intent of the proposal.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at 858-694-3402 or Tim McNamara at 562-462-2722.

Very truly yours,

L. Michael Vu
Interim Correspondence Secretary
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cc: Honorable Torres, Chair, Senate Committee on Elections and Redistricting