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

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **AB 829** (Fong). This proposal creates a definition of an election management system and will require the vendors to deposit an exact copy of each component of the system into an approved escrow facility.

Existing law requires the vendor of a voting system or ballot marking system to cause and exact copy of the source code for each component of the system to be deposited into an approved escrow facility. This legislation would create the same standards for vendors who offer election management system databases. This legislation provides the Secretary of State reasonable access to components of systems that assist county election officials administer California's elections. It would also authorize the Secretary to seek injunctive relief to enforce the new requirements, building assurances and protections for counties when contracting with vendors for county services.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 858-694-3402.

Very truly yours,

L. Michael Vu

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