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September 5, 2013

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 **SB 362** (Padilla). This proposal expands the voting options for "emergency workers" who are officially engaged in responding to out-of-state emergencies.

Existing law permits any voter to apply to receive a vote by mail ballot beginning the 29th day and ending the 7th day prior to a scheduled election and to have that ballot mailed to them wherever they may be during that time. Current law does not authorize the Secretary of State or county election officials to establish procedures to specifically allow residents affected by an out-of-state disaster to vote.

In 2012, many California residents were affected by Hurricane Sandy and were unable to cast a ballot at the Presidential General Election. This proposal would permit the Secretary of State and county election officials to, upon the declaration of an out-of-state disaster, establish procedures to allow an "emergency worker" as defined to cast a ballot outside of their home precinct.

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

Very truly yours,

L. Michael Vu

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