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# CACEO Responds to House Committee Vote to Eliminate the Election Assistance Commission

**LOS ANGELES** – The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) expressed strong concern today following the 6-3 vote by the U.S. House Administration Committee to advance House Resolution 634, a proposal to eliminate the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

"The elimination of the EAC would be disruptive to important initiatives and ongoing work that contributes significantly to maintaining and increasing public trust and confidence in elections," said Dean Logan, CACEO President.

Citing the important work of the EAC and its commissioners, CACEO has noted that issues ranging from cybersecurity to end-of-life vote tabulation systems need guidance and federal assistance that the EAC can provide.

"The abandonment of federal assistance and coordination around these issues will undermine the integrity of elections in the United States," said Logan.

These concerns were outlined in a letter from the CACEO to U.S. Congressman Gregg Harper (R-Miss.) who serves as Chair of the Committee on House Administration. The letter stressed the importance of the EAC as a coordinating body to advance collaboration and accountability in elections between local, state and federal governments.

The CACEO is a professional, non-partisan organization of local election administrators charged with conducing elections in the 58 counties in the State of California.

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