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Assembly Member Richard Pan, Author
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RE: **AB 2058** Voter Registration: paid registration activities - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Pan:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey **Support** of **AB 2058** (as amended May 17, 2012).

This proposal will prohibit any person, company or organization from agreeing to pay money or other valuable consideration on a per-affidavit basis to any person who assists another person to register to vote by receiving the completed form. It would also prohibit a person from accepting or receiving a per-affidavit consideration, require the election official to notify the payor of any payee who submits three or more affidavits that do not comply, and would make it a misdemeanor for any person who violates these provisions.

As election officials who are responsible for the integrity of the voter registration list of those eligible to vote, including enlisting deputy registrars to assist eligible electors to register, creating a misdemeanor crime for a per-affidavit payment or consideration will deter individuals from fraudulent activities and further protect the integrity of California's list of eligible voters.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department at (831) 796-1499.

Respectfully yours,

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