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Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva, Author  
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Dear Assembly Member Quirk-Silva:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **AB 530** (as introduced February 20, 2013). This proposal would authorize a voter to apply for a vote by mail ballot by telephone, as long as specified information is provided and matches the voter's record.

Existing law requires a voter to submit a written application for vote by mail ballot, which shall include the name, residence address and signature of the voter, an address where the ballot is to be mailed if different from the residence, and the name and date of the election which the ballot is being requested. This legislation would allow the voter to make an application for a vote by mail ballot over the telephone, as long as the same information as required on the written application is provided and matches the voter's record.

This legislation will prove to be convenient and potentially enfranchise voters requesting a ballot close to the deadline, enabling voters to call from outside of the state or out of the county to obtain vote by mail voter status. Ballots must be canvassed in the same manner as all other vote by mail ballots, requiring the election official to compare the voters' signature on the return envelope to the voter's registration record before the ballot is counted. Ballots where signatures do not compare cannot be counted.

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

Very truly yours,

Linda Tulett  
Correspondence Secretary  
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