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March 2, 2009

Assembly Member Joel Anderson
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Anderson:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials has reviewed AB 101 (as introduced January 8, 2009) your proposal requiring vote by mail identification envelopes or instructions to contain a statement that the voted ballot must be received by the elections official no later than the close of polls on election day in order to be counted.

The Committee has voted to **Support** this bill. Most counties already include such a notice, and while there may be minor costs imposed on some counties, the information is vital to the vote by mail process. As more voters opt to cast their ballots via the vote by mail process, it is imperative that they understand the necessity of returning the voted ballot in a timely manner.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office, at 707-565-1876.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson
Correspondence Secretary
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