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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor, State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is requesting your signature on **AB 1326** (Huffman), which allows electors, or election officials on the behalf of electors who so request in writing, to go to court to validate voter registrations that are mishandled by third parties.

Every major election, election officials up and down the State encounter voters who attempted, in good faith to register to vote, but, through no fault of their own, are disenfranchised by third parties who fail to return the voter registration forms in a timely manner. Existing law only provides a court procedure for those registrants whose voter registration forms were mishandled by an agency designated by the Nation Voter Registration Act, and makes no provision for voters who have attempted to register to vote with a petition circulator, campaign worker, or voter registration drive organizer. A mechanism is sorely needed to restore these voters' franchises and to allow them the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707-565-1876).

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson

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