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Assembly Member Jared Huffman
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Dear Assembly Member Huffman:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee would like to thank you for introducing **AB 1326** (as introduced February 27, 2009), your bill allowing election officials 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. Thank you for providing a mechanism to restore these voters' franchise and to allow them to vote a provisional ballot. Please record our Committee as being in **Support of AB 1326**.

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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