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September 14, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

By Facsimilie Transmission: 916-558-3160

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, Elections Legislative Committee would like to express the Committee's **Support** of **AB 1799**, now awaiting your signature. This proposal, authored by Assembly Member Paul Fong, would allow elections officials to send replacement vote by mail ballots to those voters who so request, when the voter has lost, destroyed or failed to receive the original ballot.

Current law, which was drafted long before computer systems were introduced to manage the issuance and verification of vote by mail ballots requires requests for replacement ballots to be completed in writing. Today's systems have built-in safeguards to ensure that only one ballot may be counted for any vote by mail voter, and signatures on returned, voted, vote by mail ballots are compared to those on the voters' registration records. Spending taxpayer dollars to handle needless paperwork and slow the issuance of vote by mail ballots simply does not make sense during these difficult economic times.

This proposal saves taxpayer dollars, expedites the vote by mail process, provides a convenience to voters and eliminates unnecessary paperwork, and there are adequate safeguards in place to protect the democratic process. The CACEO Elections Legislative Committee respectfully requests that you sign AB 1799 into law.

If you, or your staff, have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office at 707-565-1876.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson  
Correspondence Secretary  
California Association of Clerks  
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