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Assembly Member Paul Fong State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0022

Dear Assembly Member Fong:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 2101** (as introduced February 18, 2010). The Committee has voted to **Support** this proposal to enhance current penalties imposed on those who violate voter registration or petition circulation statutes.

This proposal will prohibit those found in violation of voter registration or petition circulation activities from being paid or receiving other consideration for participating in these activities. Paid voter registration and petition circulation drives provide motive for those inclined to falsify these documents. Removing the payment if a person is found guilty of these prohibited activities will hopefully eliminate that motive and strengthen the existing penalties for such illegal activities.

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

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