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September 14, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
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State Capitol
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO), Elections Legislative Committee would like to express its **Support** for **AB 2154**, which is awaiting your signature. Assembly Member Solorio has authored this proposal to allow voters to request a vote by mail ballot by telephone, by providing personal identifying information that matches the information on the voter's registration record.

This proposal saves taxpayer dollars, expedites the vote by mail process, provides a convenience to voters and eliminates unnecessary paperwork, while ensuring that safeguards are in place to protect the democratic process. The current process of applying for vote by mail ballots in writing was established long before computer systems were introduced to manage the issuance and verification of vote by mail ballots. 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.

CACEO Elections Legislative Committee respectfully requests your signature on **AB 2154**. 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
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