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Assembly Member Jose Solorio State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0069

Dear Assembly Member Solorio:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, Elections Legislative Committee would like to express its **Support** for **AB 2154** (as introduced February 18, 2010). Your 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 will expedite the vote by mail process, provide a convenience to voters and eliminate unnecessary paperwork. The current process was established long before computer systems were introduced to manage the issuance and verification of vote by mail ballots. Signatures on returned, voted vote by mail ballots are compared to those on the voters' registration records and automated systems in use by elections officials today have built-in safeguards to ensure that only one ballot may be counted for any vote by mail voter.

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.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson

Correspondence Secretary California Association of Clerks

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