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Assembly Member Jerry Hill
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Dear Assembly Member Hill:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 2616** (as amended April 12, 2010) and adopted a Support position. This bill would, in concert with the implementation of the statewide voter registration database, require the Secretary of State to establish procedures to allow voters to verify receipt of vote by mail ballots and to confirm whether or not the ballot had been counted, and if not, the reason why.

Counties are currently providing this information for vote by mail voters, and, once the statewide database is operational, it makes sense for voters to have access via the Secretary of State's website as well. With the growing number of voters choosing to vote by mail, it is imperative that a convenient method be available for voters to verify the receipt and tabulation of their ballots.

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
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