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July 21, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials would like to relate to you the concerns expressed regarding **AB 306** (as enrolled July 13, 2009) which requires that the Secretary of State establish a procedure by which a voter may opt out of receiving the State Ballot Pamphlet by mail. While recognizing that the bill delays implementation until such time as the statewide voter registration database is functional, the counties remain concerned that despite the statewide database, the data entry function of flagging voter records will fall to the counties to perform.

In these difficult economic times, the counties cannot absorb additional costs, and it is feared that costs to flag, and when requested, unflag voter records to trigger whether or not a State Ballot Pamphlet should be sent will fall to counties to absorb.

Please consider our concerns when determining whether to sign AB 306 into law. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707) 565-1876.

Very truly yours,

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