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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 has learned that SB 1749 (Oropeza), which authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt standards for online training of pollworkers has been approved by the legislature and will soon be presented for your signature.

It appears that this bill may contain a surreptitious mandate requiring counties to comply with standards for online pollworker training that are promulgated as a result thereof. There is no reimbursement for counties included in the bill – and there are significant costs related to the development, maintenance and administration of online training.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office, at 707-565-1876.

Very truly yours,

. Janice Atkinson

Janice Atkinson Correspondence Secretary California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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