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Senator Gilbert Cedillo State Capitol, Rm. 5100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Cedillo:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **SB 740** (as introduced February 27, 2009), your proposed legislation regarding signatures on Provisional Ballot envelopes and the retention of Provisional Ballots and Provisional Ballot envelopes.

It is the understanding of the Committee that counties are currently following the procedures set forth in your proposal regarding the rejection of Provisional Ballots that do not have a signature on the Provisional Ballot envelope, as well as the post-election retention of voted Provisional Ballots and Provisional Ballot Envelopes. By adding these requirements to the Elections Code it removes any confusion or possibility of misinterpretation. The Committee has voted to **Support SB 740**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707-565-1876).

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson

Correspondence Secretary California Association of Clerks

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c: Assembly Member Paul Fong, Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting

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