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Assembly Member Kevin Mullin, Author  
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Dear Assembly Member Mullin:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **AB 1135**, your proposal relating to the procedures for comparison of signatures on official vote by mail ballot return materials.

Under existing law, the county elections official must compare the signature on the vote by mail ballot identification envelope, or in the case of a military or overseas voter who returns their vote via facsimile transmission, on the official ballot waiver statement with the signature on the voter's registration affidavit. This bill would further expand these provisions to permit the elections official to compare the signature on the return vote by mail materials to either the voter's affidavit of registration or any supporting document that contains the voter's signature and is part of the voter's registration record on file. This bill will permit the elections official to take additional steps to ensure that an eligible voter's ballot is accepted and counted when the signature on the voter's affidavit may not be the most current or legible signature of the voter on file at the election official's office.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department, at (831) 796-1499.

Very truly yours,

Linda Tulett  
Correspondence Secretary  
California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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