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The Honorable Shannon L. Grove  
State Capitol, Room 4126  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**AB 1271 (Grove) –OPPOSE**

Dear Assembly Member Grove:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials regrets to advise you of our opposition to AB 1271, which eliminates guidelines for missing or illegible postmarks on vote by mail ballots and which eliminates private mail carriers such as Fedex, UPS, DHL and others as acceptable means of delivering VBM ballots.

The postmark rules were passed last year and have not been fully implemented so there is no way, using data and facts, to know the numbers of ballots which may have unreadable or missing postmarks. It is, in our view, pre-mature to amend this important provision of the election code which was intended to enfranchise more voters.

This bill would suppress voter turnout at a time when low turnout is a central concern of both elected and election officials while offering no objective claims of increased security or integrity.

For these reasons, CACEO must respectfully oppose AB 1271. Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at [scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us) or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

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