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Assembly Member Williams, Author
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Dear Assembly Member Williams:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **AB 131** (as introduced January 17, 2013). This proposal establishes a new rebuttable presumption for election officials when a voter omits the place of birth when registering to vote.

California's Election law requires any person who desires to vote submit a completed voter registration form. This legislation would allow the election official to deem a voter registration form complete is a voter omits their place of birth, as long as the completed form is executed under penalty of perjury stating that the affiant meets all criteria to be eligible to register. This proposal recognizes that, in a national election cycle, many eligible registrants choose to complete the National Voter Registration Form to register to vote in California. This National form does not contain a space for the affiant to include his or her place of birth, and is yet still deemed complete under California law. This proposal allows the election official to treat all registrants equally, regardless of the form they may submit. Election officials may, should they choose, still attempt to reach the voter to obtain the missing information, but would not be prohibited from continuing to process the otherwise valid registration.

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
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