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The Honorable Kevin Mullin State Capitol, Room 2163 Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 1446 (Mullin) -SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Mullin:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 1446, which ensures the laws protecting the privacy of people who submit a voter registration application on paper also apply to people using the Secretary of State's online voter registration application.

When an organization assists voters to register using paper, it must follow California's laws that protect the privacy of individuals registering. AB 1446 will apply similar principals to the use of online voter registration, preventing misuse of personal information while allowing organizations to continue their outreach and civic engagement efforts electronically.

The bill also updates the Student Voter Registration Act, acknowledging that high schools and colleges may use both paper and web-based voter registration to meet the needs of their students.

AB 1446 encourages the use of online voter registration for voter registration drives and student engagement while protecting the privacy of Californians. It brings the law up to speed with technology, and we support this legislation.

Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

Scott O. Konopasek

Corresponding Secretary

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

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