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The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has been closely watching **AB 1805** (Huffman) relating to the administration of military and overseas voter procedures for state and local elections. Since March, the Committee has supported this proposal and has worked closely with the author's staff to address concerns, which the majority of have been accepted.

While AB 1805 recognizes this as a new mandate that increases the duties of local election officials, in current form, this proposal remains silent and fails to give a time period for providing Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) protections to those voters who use the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) application to request a vote by mail ballot. Failure to include such clarification results in confusion for military and overseas voters as to their rights to receive a ballot electronically, well as for election officials who must determine how long to provide the UOCAVA voting protections to special vote by mail voters. AB 1805 would also create *substantial costs* relating to duplication and processing of electronically transmitted voting materials when the voter opts to receive their election materials by facsimile or email and whose application must be honored for no less than two consecutive statewide general elections, or eight years.

Please consider our request for future clarification when determining whether or not to sign AB 1805 into law. Perhaps you may request and receive the clarification we sought while working closely with the author. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to discuss our concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department, at (831) 796-1499.

Very truly yours,

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