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The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
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AB 1861 (HARKEY) -SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Skinner:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support of AB 1861. We appreciate the proposed inclusion of (1.5) into Budget Item 8885-295-0001 the payment of mandate claims for the 2002-03 through 2011-12 fiscal years for Voter Identification Procedures. The mandate requires county election officials to "compare the signature on each provisional ballot envelope with the signature on the voter's affidavit of registration." Despite the fact that the mandate has been suspended, election officials continue to perform the verification to meet the purpose and function of provisional voting.

Although defunding of mandates is a much larger issue than provisional voting, we appreciate the proposed funding of reimbursement for this mandate as an important step into the restoration of all other election mandates.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of issues important to our association. This bill represents a significant effort to relieve counties of fiscal burden of underwriting the cost of elections.

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,

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California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

Cc: Senator Norma Torres, Chair, Senate Committee on Elections and
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