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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 (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee urges your approval of **AB 216 (Swanson)**, a proposal to permit county election officials to work with consumer credit agencies to obtain change-of-address data in an effort to update voter information.

Providing county election officials with the ability to utilize additional and highly reliable third-party address data to communicate with voters, particularly those on the rolls but have not voted for some time, increases the likelihood of effectively reaching the voter and updating their records to enable them to remain an active participant in democracy. Current methods are not fully adequate. This may be due to the very fact that many individuals who move, often do not use the National Change of Address (NCOA) process as a means of notifying the US Post Office of their new address; subsequently, this information never reaches the elections official until the individual re-registers to vote or presents themselves at a polling place on Election Day.

The third-party data will track the individual's current residence address when monitored transactions occur. Election officials can use this up-to-date data to reach out to non-responsive voters to obtain confirmation of the voter's location and update records. This offers election officials another avenue to maintain an accurate voter registration database, and therefore reduce workload and reduce costs. Orange County was able to save an estimated \$44,000 in the production and mailing of election materials for the June 2012 Primary Election after reaching out to voters to confirm they had permanently moved out of county or out of state and were no longer eligible to vote from their former domicile.

Please consider our support when determining whether or not to sign AB 216 into law. 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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