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Assembly Member Shirley Weber, Author  
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Dear Assembly Member Weber:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed AB 938 (as amended June 25, 2013), has removed its support, and is opposing it unless amended.

As currently drafted, AB 938 makes it more difficult to cancel the voter registration of a convicted felon and inadvertently misleads many of the very people it purports to help by wrongly implying to them that they are eligible to vote.

AB 938 requires an elections official to match the convicted felon's "name, address, date of birth, and, if available, the last four digits of his or her social security number" found on their superior court record with the information on their voter registration record. The law does not require people to update their address for voter registration purposes when they move unless they wish to vote. Therefore, by requiring all three (or four, if the last four digits of the voter's social security number are available) data points to match before a registration record can be cancelled there would be some number of convicted felons remaining on the voter rolls.

Allowing convicted felons to retain their voter registration status will, at best, give them the mistaken impression they are eligible to vote, while at worst, may unfairly lead them into committing a new felony by casting a ballot that they are precluded from casting under Article II, Section 4 of the California Constitution.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at 858-694-3402.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Honorable Torres, Chair, Senate Committee on Elections and Redistricting