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Assembly Member Bill Quirk
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Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to support **AB 840**, your proposal relating to accepting unsigned vote by mail ballot statements by email. AB 840 will offer vote by mail voters with unsigned ballot envelopes another way to return a signature to election officials to complete the signature verification process and count the ballot.

Current law allows election officials to provide a vote by mail voter a statement to complete and sign if the voter's ballot envelope is returned unsigned. The statement is available by mail and on the election officials' website, but the voter must mail, fax or hand deliver the statement to the election official to complete the process within an 8-day window. With mail taking 3-7 days for delivery and most people not having access to a fax machine, it is not always easy to return these statements in a timely fashion.

Your proposal to expand the way to return the statement via email will greatly improve the voter experience for many voters and will provide them with a quick and easy remedy to allow their ballot to be counted.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.org or (831) 454-2409, or Jill LaVine, Sacramento County Registrar of Voters at lavinej@saccounty.net or (916) 875-6060.

Respectfully,

Tricia Webber

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