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Dear Assembly Member Donnelly:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 1117** (as amended June 24, 2013), your proposal which requires the Secretary of State's office to post downloadable initiative and referendum petitions on its web site.

The Committee voted to **Oppose** this bill. Our opposition to this measure is the result of the following concerns:

- ❖ Current practice is for initiative and referendum petitions to be printed on a single piece of paper so the title, summary, and text of the measure appear on a single page with the signatures of voters. This practice reduces potential for accidental or intentional circulator fraud. Printing on a single sheet will not be possible under AB 1117 because most people print on 8.5 x 11" paper at home. Multiple page petitions allow for the possibility for circulators to defraud signers by, for example, presenting voters with something other than the circulating version of the petition, later attaching the signature page to the correct version. This type of fraud would be undetectable by election officials.
- ❖ Processing costs would increase with the submission of single-page petition sections submitted by individual voters.

It is for these very important concerns that we cannot support your proposal. If you or your staff have any questions or wish to discuss our concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Kern County Elections Office (661)868-3717.

Very truly yours,

Karen Rhea  
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