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The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **SB 360** (Padilla). Among the changes, this proposal will provide a more sustainable and efficient voting system certification process by removing the precondition that all voting systems go through dual certification at both the State and federal level and allow counties to research and develop its own voting system.

The bill will require the Secretary of State to adopt voting system standards and in the absence of State standards, federal standards will be used. Finally, this bill will require the establishment of an independent process to approve and test voting systems to ensure its accuracy, security, accessibility and reliability.

We are greatly encouraged by the passage of this bill which signals the potential for significant advancement of voting technology in the State. The bill creates a tool for counties to proactively address significant deficiencies/problems in upgrading aging voting systems. We are very interested in working in any way we can to further address the many problems associated with a dearth of viable replacement options for voting technology that is, or will quickly become obsolete.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 858-694-3402.

Very truly yours,

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