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February 15, 2013

Senator Jim Beall, Author
State Capitol
Room 2068
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Dear Senator Beall:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** of **SB 111** (as introduced January 15, 2013). This proposal would permit an individual who uses a signature stamp on their California driver's license to use that same signature stamp for registration and voting purposes when registering to vote online through the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Existing law permits a voter or any person who is eligible to vote to use a signature stamp on any document under provided under the Elections Code only if that stamp is first affixed upon an affidavit of registration in the presence of an election official. This bill would permit any eligible registrant to use a signature stamp if the voter completes an affidavit of registration online and uses the same stamp that has been approved by the California DMV as the official signature on the registrant's identification. This bill expands access to the ballot by making it easier for individuals who require the use of a signature stamp to register to vote online as long as the registrant agrees to use their existing signature on file with the California DMV as their signature for official purposes under Election Law.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department, at (831) 796-1499.

Very truly yours,

Linda Tulett
Correspondence Secretary
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- c: Honorable Paul Fong, Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting
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