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April 28, 2015

The Honorable Robert Hertzberg  
State Capitol, Room 4038  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SB 163 (HERTZBERG)**

Dear Senator Hertzberg:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials share with you the goals of SB 163 which are to eliminate barriers to voting, to add convenience for voters and to increase citizen participation. However, we do not see vote by mail as the best or only solution which should be considered to achieve these outcomes. Like you, we believe that voters should have a choice of voting at a polling place if they choose but, as currently proposed by this bill, we know that choice will be unnecessarily costly, will actually decrease the convenience to the voter and will add further delay to counting of ballots and reporting results.

We would like to work with you in considering other possible routes to these same ends such as vote centers and early voting in addition to vote by mail. Further, we would like to constructively work with you on language which would make any solution effective and successful while not being unnecessarily costly.

If you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at [scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us) or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

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California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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