September 8, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Tom Dyer

Re: CACEO Support of AB 1461

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 1461, California New Motor Voter Act, which would permit the state and counties to automatically register to vote applicants for a driver license or state IDs if they meet certain qualifications.

This would create a truly portable voter registration process for California voters by not requiring the completion of an additional written affidavit. This bill will remove the most critical barrier to participation in the electoral process- the voter initiated acts of registering or updating an existing registration.

The changes resulting from this bill will leverage the technologies available in the 21st century to more accurately, more quickly and more conveniently update and maintain voter records. The expected outcomes are increased participation, fewer provisional ballots and fewer rejected ballots.

We urge you to sign AB 1461. Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

Scott O. Konopasek
Corresponding Secretary
California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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