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The Honorable Lou Correa
State Capitol, Room 5052
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 183 - SUPPORT

To Senator Correa,

We are pleased to support SB 183, your bill allowing ballots cast by voters who make identifiable marks on a ballot to be separated from the rest, recreated and then counted.

SB 183 will protect our voting rights. Right now if a voter does their research, travels to the polling place, casts a ballot and leaves some kind of identifying mark on the ballot, it is automatically voided. This is unacceptable. One experience having a ballot voided would certainly turn anyone off to the process, encouraging them to think their vote truly does not matter. There are many barriers to voting that still exist in California that keep thousands from voting; let us remove one more.

We hope that you will call on our office if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Katie Fleming
Policy Advocate