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The Honorable Bob Hertzberg
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4038
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: Senate Bill 1239 – Support

Dear Senator Hertzberg:

I am pleased to inform you that at the May 17, 2018, hearing, the bipartisan Fair Political Practices Commission voted to support your bill, SB 1239, which would amend the Political Reform Act.

SB 1239 is a follow up bill to SB 1349 (2016) that requires the Secretary of State, in consultation with the FPPC, to develop a certify a new online filing and disclosure system for campaigns and lobbying entities. SB 1239 would recast certain provisions governing the processing of campaign reports and statements to provide for the filing, verification, delivery, amendment, retention, and inspection of those documents online or electronically. The bill would also clean up the Political Reform Act by repealing various obsolete or extraneous provisions and make other conforming and technical changes. Lastly, the bill would change the deadline for payment of the annual fee to April 30 of each year.

Senate Bill 1239 furthers the important work of the Secretary of State to modernize the Political Reform Act's online filing and disclosure system to improve compliance with the Act and public access to campaign and lobbying information.

For these reasons, we support SB 1239. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 322-7635 or pung@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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