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March 16, 2015

Jodi Remke, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 594 – Request for Commission Support

Dear Chair Remke:

I write today to respectfully request that the Commission take a support position on my AB 594, consistent with the recommendation included in the agenda for your March 19, 2015 meeting.

My office has worked closely with the Commission on a number of bills in the past and hope that we can once again work together to enact important changes to the Political Reform Act (Act). I have long believed in the purposes of the Act and its goal of enabling a knowledgeable electorate. Generally, AB 594 would make small, but meaningful reforms, including eliminating what has become duplicative reporting and modernizing reporting thresholds in line with the original thresholds. Your staff analysis provided perhaps the best summary of the bill:

> Overall, this bill focuses on meaningful reforms to the Political Reform Act, while maintaining the highest ethical standards. The bill proposes streamlining some of the campaign finance rules in the Act to reduce redundancy and improve accountability with modernized, relevant, and accurate disclosures.

My staff has already been working closely with Commission staff, and I feel that the bill strikes an appropriate balance. Accordingly, I would appreciate the Commission's support of this measure.

Thank you for your consideration of my request and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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Assemblyman, 24th District

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