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The Honorable James Gallagher
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3147
Sacramento, CA 95811

**RE: Assembly Bill 909 (Gallagher) – Treasurer Acknowledgement of Duties and Liabilities,
as amended April 2, 2019 – SPONSOR/SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Gallagher,

On behalf of the Fair Political Practices Commission, please accept this sponsor/support letter for Assembly Bill 909. AB 909 would prevent campaign treasurers from unknowingly assuming liability for the financial actions of a campaign by requiring potential treasurers to sign a statement attesting to their understanding of the responsibilities, liabilities, and potential penalties for failing to comply with the Political Reform Act.

While many committees use professional political treasurers who understand FPPC requirements and the liabilities inherent to the position, there are committees, especially at the local level, where volunteer treasurers are used. These volunteer treasurers may not be aware of how to stay in compliance with FPPC regulations, the duties of a treasurer, or the liabilities assigned to treasurers. When violations occur and penalties are imposed, these volunteer treasurers are often surprised to find themselves liable. While many of these volunteer treasurers frequently return to compliance, correcting these mistakes uses valuable FPPC resources and affects the reputations of the treasurers.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue and we look forward to working with you this legislative session.

For these reasons, the FPPC is proud to sponsor/support AB 909. If you have any questions, please contact Phillip Ung at (916) 322-7635 or pung@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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