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Fair Political Practices Commission
Political Reform Task Force
428 J Street, Suite 620
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Dear Task Force Members,

The California Political Treasurers Association (CPTA) has been following the progress of the Chairman's Task Force on the Political Reform Act in regards to eliminating paper filing requirements. It is the position of the CPTA that the paper filing requirement for campaign disclosure statements be eliminated at both the state and local level (where the local government has a CAL electronic data file format filing system in place).

We believe electronic data can be maintained safely and securely. Additional benefits arise from broader public access with a reduced carbon footprint and a phenomenal reduction in paper usage. We honestly see no down side to eliminating paper filing and recommend this should be implemented as rapidly as possible. We believe the immediate impact will be significant savings for any agency having such filing systems at both the state and local level.

CPTA members represent both federal and state PACs and comply with the FEC filing requirements as well as FPPC and local regulations. Our members handle approximately 85% of all state candidate committees, a majority (if not all) of statewide ballot measure committees, close to 1,000 state PACs and over 150 federal PACs. This extensive immersion in both FPPC and FEC filing requirements and systems provides us with a uniquely acute vision of how to streamline and simplify the current filing requirements. We have been proponents of paperless filing as far back as 2005 and have sent our endorsement of paperless filing to prior task force members.

The CPTA is ready for paperless filing and we encourage you to move forward to that end as rapidly as possible. If our membership can be of assistance during this process please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Nancy L. Warren", is written over a horizontal line.

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