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September 4, 2018

Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2218 (Berman) - Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown,

California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), a statewide policy alliance of more than 10,000 organizations, is the voice for California's nonprofit community. Through our advocacy work, we protect and enhance the ability of California's nonprofits to serve our state, the nation and the world. I am writing to support Assembly Bill 2218 which would require the Secretary of State to establish a system that allows a vote-by-mail voter to track and receive information about his or her vote-by-mail ballot through the mail system.

In the 2016 California general election, 58% of voters cast their ballot by mail. But while voting by mail is easier and more convenient than going to the polls, voters continue to be concerned that they cannot be assured that their ballot was received and counted. This bill would set up a system that enables a voter to register to receive information via email or text message from the county elections official about the status of his or her vote by mail ballot.

As noted in CalNonprofits' seminal report, *Causes Count: The Economic Power of California's Nonprofit Sector*, nearly 1 million Californians work for a nonprofit, more than in the construction or finance industries, and more than 5 million Californians engage in volunteer activities. Through our "Vote With Your Mission" campaign we aim to increase voter participation of nonprofit staff, volunteers and clients; AB 2218, by removing obstacles to voting, will aid us in reaching our goal.

CalNonprofits urges you to sign AB 2218 because it increases confidence in the electoral process, thereby encouraging more individuals to vote.

Sincerely,



Jan Masaoka,
CEO, California Association of Nonprofits

cc: Jennifer Fearing, Sacramento Advocate, California Association of Nonprofits
Assemblymember Marc Berman