**SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT – AB 545 (Pellerin)**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Put this on your organization’s letterhead, adapt and edit as you see fit
2. Go to: <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>
3. Create an account if you do not already have one.
4. Click on “Submit a Letter”
5. Select a bill: **AB 545** and next
6. Select the organization/individual you are submitting on behalf of.
7. Select recipient committee: **Elections**
8. Select Stance: **Support,** Subject **AB 545**, upload your letter, review, and submit.
9. Please send a copy of your letter to **Eric Harris** at DRC: eric.harris@disabilityrightsca.org

(ADD ON LETTERHEAD)

Date

The Honorable Steven M. Glazer

Chair, Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee

California State Senate

State Capitol, Room 410

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 545 (PELLERIN) as amended May 22, 2023 – Support**

Dear Chair Glazer:

On behalf of (INSERT ORGANIZATION), I write in support of AB 545 (Pellerin), which aims to improve accessibility for voters with disabilities in California.

Existing law requires most voting locations to be accessible to voters with disabilities and meet the Secretary of State's accessibility guidelines. Any voting location that does not meet the Secretary of State's accessibility guidelines are required to offer curbside voting. Some counties offer curbside voting at all voting locations because some voters with disabilities cannot enter the voting location even if it meets accessibility guidelines. However, curbside voting and the availability of auxiliary accessibility aids provided for voters with disabilities varies widely across voting locations. In practice, most counties offer, or will provide if asked, curbside voting, signature guides, and handheld magnifiers. The lack of requirements means curbside voting often has no signage and the other supplies are not out and ready for voters to use.

AB 545 would require: 1) that all in-person voting locations offer curbside voting, 2) establish uniform requirements for curbside voting statewide, 3) create clear requirements which will improve the supplies, services and practices at voting locations impacting voters with disabilities, and 4) remove the requirement for voters with disabilities to swear under oath if they need assistance completing a ballot.

(Add a paragraph about your organization and why this bill is important to you/individuals you serve)

For the above reasons, we respectfully urge your “AYE” vote on AB 545 (Pellerin). Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

(ADD SIGNATURE & CONTACT INFO)

Cc: Honorable Members, Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee

 The Honorable Gail Pellerin, California State Assembly

Rhiannon Mulligan, Legislative Aide, Office of Assemblymember Pellerin