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Boilermakers 549
Brick & Tile 3
Carpenters 405
Carpenters 2236
Carpet & Linoleum 12
Cement Masons 400
Electricians 332
Electricians 234
Elevator Constructors 8
Glaziers 1621
Heat & Frost Insulators 16
Iron Workers 377
Laborers 270
Laborers 67
Lathers 9144
Millwrights 102
Operating Engineers 3
Painters District Council 16
Painters & Tapers 507
Plasterers 300
Plumbers & Steamfitters 393
Roofers 95
Sheet Metal Workers 104
Sign, Display 510
Sprinkler Fitters 483
Teamsters 853
UA Local 355

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Assemblymembers Richard Bloom and Laura Freidman
Chairs, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 and Assembly Transportation Committee
State Capitol, Assembly Chambers
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California High-Speed Rail Authority's Draft 2020 Business Plan

Dear Assemblymembers Bloom and Freidman:

On behalf of the Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council I write in strong support of the direction laid out in the Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan for how to advance implementation of the high-speed rail system. The current proposal calls for completion of the 119 miles under active construction in the Central Valley, extension to 171 miles of electrified rail connecting Merced, Fresno and Bakersfield as an interim operating segment as the rest of the project is completed.

To accomplish those objectives, the High-Speed Rail Authority needs the remaining \$4 billion in Proposition 1A funds to complete construction and electrify the corridor in the Central Valley.

High-speed rail is critical to the future of California, and would provide not only construction jobs but also mobility so important to Californians. Connecting homes to centers of employment without increasing the strain on roadways that desperately need upgrade and expansion is not something that can be delayed.

In closing, the work created by the high-speed rail construction will provide much needed stimulus and work opportunities for construction workers weathering the pandemic-caused recession. Our local building trades council supports funding this critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,

David Bini
Executive Director