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The Honorable Jim Frazier
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
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SUBJECT: California High-Speed Rail Project

Dear Chair Frazier:

I am writing in strong support of Governor Newsom's plan to deliver the California High-Speed Rail Project. With 350 miles of electrified high-speed rail under development, California remains committed to its leadership and long-term vision for a better connected and more sustainable future. By initiating an electric, high-speed rail in the Central Valley as early as possible, California is demonstrating the viability and transformative nature of this type of project.

The High-Speed Rail Authority's policy recommendations, as laid out in the Draft 2020 Business Plan, will expand the project in the Central Valley to 171 miles of electric high-speed rail. These building blocks in the Central Valley are an integral part of the system that will expand to both Northern and Southern California and connect the entire State. Finishing the segment in the Central Valley and beginning an interim operation will allow the technology to be demonstrated, and work to progress the connection with an upgraded Caltrain Corridor in Northern California through San Jose, San Francisco International Airport (SFO), and downtown San Francisco.

At SFO, the physical constraints of the San Francisco Bay and Highway 101 prohibit further runway expansion, and High-Speed Rail will accommodate future growth by providing an effective alternative to air travel within California. Bringing High-Speed Rail to the Bay Area Peninsula and seamlessly linking Millbrae Intermodal Station with SFO provides a critical link that will allow passengers to transfer between plane and train. As SFO continues to grow closer to its maximum yearly capacity of 71 million passengers, offloading inter-state air traffic to rail is a sustainable option for the Airport to maximize its operations.

The proposed California High-Speed Rail Authority's Draft 2020 Business Plan represents the quickest and most cost-effective path toward realizing the significant benefits of a fast, clean, electrified high-speed rail service for Californians. We welcome this high-speed rail link from both the Central Valley and Southern California at the earliest date possible.

I look forward to continuing to work toward making this vision a reality. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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