

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Secretary Ray LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Administrator Joseph C. Szabo
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood and Administrator Szabo:

As several states have recently announced their intention to cancel their high-speed rail plans, we see this as an opportunity to concentrate our federal investment in a state that is both an ideal location for high-speed rail and ready and eager to implement a high-speed rail system.

California's project enjoys strong bipartisan support from the State Administration, the State Legislature, the public, and a diverse group of stakeholders, including the California Labor Federation, California Chamber of Commerce, and the Sierra Club of California. In fact, the voters of California have clearly indicated their desire for high-speed rail by voting for a \$9 billion bond measure to fund the system, making California the only state in the nation to have passed a high-speed rail measure.

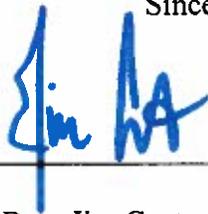
California is ideal for a high-speed train system. When completed, the 220 mph train is expected to span 800 miles from Sacramento/San Francisco – through the San Joaquin Valley – to San Diego. According to the CA High Speed Rail Authority, hundreds of thousands of new jobs are projected to be created. Other benefits of high-speed rail according to the CA High Speed Rail Authority include: greater transportation mobility; increase intermodal connections; decrease congestion, pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; and serve as a catalyst for smart-growth-development at stations.

California is well poised to demonstrate to the world that the United States can be a leader in world-class high-speed rail, and is ready to begin construction by 2012 and passenger service by 2020. We look forward to your assistance in making this system a reality.

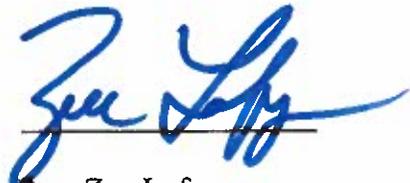
Sincerely,



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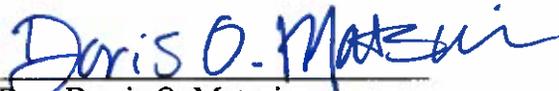
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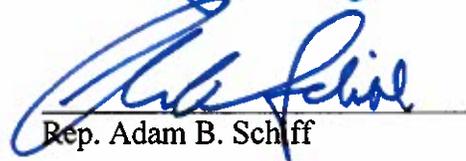
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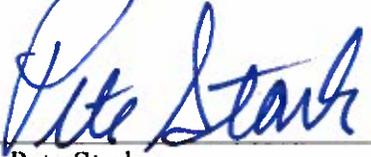
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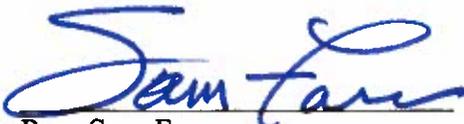
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