



Californians for High Speed Rail

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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support \$13 million appropriation for High Speed Rail Bond and Public Transportation

Dear Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger,

We the undersigned organizations are very concerned to hear that the Governor is considering using his line-item veto to eliminate funding for the California High Speed Rail Authority.

The California High Speed Rail (CAHSR) system is needed to deal with the state's transportation, global warming, and energy independence challenges as we head towards 50 million Californians. The CAHSR system would provide the same peak capacity as a 12-lane freeway at less than a 1/3 of the cost. Governor Schwarzenegger has been far ahead of other Governors setting targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The CAHSR system will reduce statewide carbon dioxide emissions by 4.5 billion pounds a year according to the Center for Clean Air Policy. We are puzzled and troubled as to why the governor would be against a project that is so central to building a low-carbon future for California and achieving his ambitious targets for emissions reductions while supporting job creation and economic growth.

The California High Speed Rail system is a win-win-win for the economy, environment, and state budget of California. We urge the governor to show strong leadership in providing creative solutions to California's problems by being a champion for building the high speed rail system our state needs.

Sincerely,

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