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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Janice Hahn  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Costa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lofgren, Congresswoman Hahn, and Congressman Costa:

Thank you for your letter dated May 8, 2013, regarding the Board's processing of the case in California High-Speed Rail Authority—Construction Exemption—In Merced, Madera and Fresno Counties, Cal., Docket No. FD 35724.

This letter is to inform you that the Board issued the attached decision today declining to extend the public comment period in this proceeding. Accordingly, the public comment period on the merits is closed as of May 8, 2013.

While I cannot comment on the substance of your letter because this matter is pending before the Board, I appreciate hearing your views. As in every case before the Board, I am giving fair and thorough consideration to the record before me in this proceeding.

Thank you for your participation in this matter and for contacting me. This letter will be placed on the Board's website and become part of the record for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Elliott III

Enclosure

cc: Ann D. Begeman, Vice Chairman  
Francis P. Mulvey, Commissioner