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Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W., Room 100
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket # FD_35724_0
California High-Speed Rail Authority's Petition for Exemption
California High-Speed Rail Authority's Motion to Dismiss or Discontinue

Dear Cynthia Brown:

Alview-Dairyland Union School District takes this opportunity to express concerns regarding California High Speed Rail failing to apply for the required permit from the Surface Transportation Board for the project and has filed a "Petition for Exemption" for the CHSR Authority construction through Merced, Madera, and Fresno Counties. Also, our district expresses concerns regarding the Authority's action in filing a "Motion to Dismiss the Petition for Exemption."

The Alview-Dairyland School District, along with the Chowchilla High School District, have met with the Authority at two meetings hopeful to coordinate with the Authority. At these meetings, our districts felt ignored by the Authority regarding our concerns: Safety, environmental, economic, and legal.

The Alview-Dairyland Union School District has tremendous concerns regarding the Avenue 21 route. The possible impacts to our district could be massive and devastating to an already weakened California public school district. The Avenue 21 route would bisect our district along the only through road that spans the fifteen mile width of our district. (Madera County Roads 1 to 16.) Avenue 21 is a key road for bus transportation. (EIR 3.2-3 indicates that LOS (level of service is the primary unit of measure in determining traffic volume for designated roadways.) The report does not take into consideration that approximate 200 students are transported twice daily on Avenue 21 by our district alone. Chowchilla Union High School also uses this road to students to transport students to and from school. Our students will be placed in danger when busses must cross the rail by means of an overpass specifically during the dense

LORI FLANAGAN
Superintendent

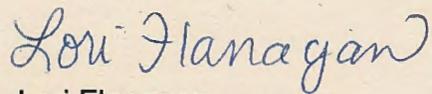
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fog season. Furthermore, the Avenue 21 route is within on quarter mile of our Alview School Site.

This letter is to inform you that the Alview-Dairyland Union School District strongly believes that California High Speed Rail Authority should not be exempt from obtaining the required permit from the Surface Transportation Board. ADUSD strongly recommends that STB denies the Exemption and the Motion to Dismiss from CHSR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Flanagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "L" and "F".

Lori Flanagan
Superintendent
Alview-Dairyland Union School District