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

Re: Notice of Intent to Participate in California High Speed Rail Authority, Finance Docket No.35724, together with accompanying Request for Extension of Time to File Its Protest

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter constitutes the notice of intent of Community Coalition on High Speed Rail (CC-HSR), a non-profit citizens organization, to participate in the above-referenced proceeding. CC-HSR expects to file a protest to the Petition for Exemption and Motion to Dismiss filed by the California High Speed Rail Authority on March 27, 2013.

Submitted for filing with this notice of intent is CC-HSR's Request for Extension of Time to File Its Protest to the CHSRA Petition for Exemption and Motion to Dismiss, *for which expedited consideration is requested*. Since CC-HSR is not yet a party to this proceeding, the 20-day response period for parties does not appear to apply to this request or, derivatively, the not less than 10-day period prior thereto for filing a request for extension of time. This is both fair and logical since it would not be reasonable to require a non-party who receives no written notice of the CHSRA pleading and would not be likely to become aware of it for at least several days to comply with such very short time limits.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1002.2(e), CC-HSR requests a waiver or reduction of any applicable filing fee on the ground that the waiver or reduction of such fee is in the best interest of the public. The relief requested by CHSRA would exempt a controversial, huge transportation project from STB scrutiny. Yet the only organizations who are likely to present facts and considerations different from the Applicant are non-profit citizens organizations like CC-HSR and certain local government entities. Our ability to participate as parties would assist the STB in developing all the facts needed to reach a proper determination on the merits. Because of CC-HSR's very limited financial resources, any fees greater than a few hundred dollars would impose an undue hardship on the organization.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Janz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

James R. Janz

President

cc: Linda J. Morgan, Esq., Kevin M. Sheys, Esq., Nossaman LLP