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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 35724, Sub-No.1
California High-Speed Rail Authority's Petition for Construction Exemption in Fresno to Bakersfield
HST Section

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of Fresno Works, I filed a letter with the Surface Transportation Board ("the Board") on May 8, 2013 respectfully urging the Board to expeditiously grant the petition for exemption filed by the California High Speed Rail Authority ("CHSRA") for the construction of the 65-mile Madera to Fresno Section. Today, I am writing to urge the Board to also allow the exemption filed by the CHSRA for construction of the 114-mile Fresno to Bakersfield Section.

With the projected future population growth in California and the opportunity to expand our valley's economic base, the construction of high speed rail will provide additional mobility for California and will provide much needed jobs in the Central Valley. The entire high-speed rail project will help enhance our region's vitality.

The expeditious approval of the petition for exemption is greatly needed. The high-speed rail project will soon provide thousands of local jobs and contract opportunities for local businesses which are urgently needed. By putting local residents and businesses back to work, the project supports local companies directly contracting with the CHSRA, and local businesses throughout the region when residents have additional income to spend on items for themselves and their families.

For these reasons stated above, Fresno Works submits this letter of support to urge the Board to grant the petition for exemption for the Fresno to Bakersfield Section.

Sincerely,

Henry R. Perea
Chairman, Fresno Works

Encl. Certificate of Service





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I hereby certify that on this 20th day of December 2013, I have served a copy of this comment by first class mail, postage paid, addressed to the following:

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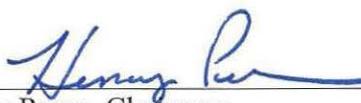
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Henry Perea, Chairman

