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

Subject: Time Extension to Reply to STB Finance Docket No. 35724, California High-Speed Rail Authority Construction Exemption

Dear Ms. Brown,

The Citizens for California High Speed Rail Accountability (CCHSRA) would like to request that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) extend the open review period for another 30 calendar days for public comments and opposition to the exemption being sought by the California High Speed Rail Authority (Authority) in STB Finance Docket No. 35274. **This would allow CCHSRA and the public to respond and file documents until May 15, 2013.**

CCHSRA is a grassroots organization that formed to represent agricultural landowners in Kings County, California as the Authority planned various alignments that meander through prime-agricultural farm ground. Kings County, being mainly composed of rural agricultural communities was ignored during the planning process, and during alignment selections became the focal point of a great deal of concern surrounding the design and planning of alignments for the California High-Speed Rail Project (HSR Project).

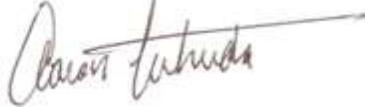
Over the last two years, CCHSRA and its members have made it a priority to understand the HSR Project and engage in the execution of the project both at the local and the state level. Members have attended every Authority Board meeting, all state hearings, local meetings, meetings in other areas throughout the state and have even testified in front of legislature on this topic. Members have also fully participated in reviewing the California Environmental Quality Act - Environmental Impact Report and the National Environmental Protection Act - Environmental Impact Statement. Members have provided over 700 pages of environmental comments and concerns along with coordinating a thorough review of the documents utilizing professional consultants in specialized fields.

With a wealth of knowledge and information, CCHSRA intends to provide comments regarding the exemption being requested by the Authority. This information will be key to your decision in authorizing an exemption and CCHSRA is committed to providing this information in a clear and concise fashion. In order to do this we kindly request a 30-day extension in the public review and response period as the amount of information being considered for submission is voluminous and detailed. Also, contrary to what the Authority is proposing, this project is much greater than the section being described in the papers that were filed. This project represents the

largest infrastructure project within the nation and therefore deserves more than 20 days to review and provide comments.

We would appreciate notice of an extension as soon as possible to properly allocate time for a reasonable response to the exemption being sought by the Authority. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (559) 707-8928 or via email at afukuda77@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aaron Fukuda", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Aaron Fukuda
Co-Chair CCHSRA