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Surface Transportation Board
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Office of Proceedings
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Record**

RE: Motion to Dismiss Construction Exemption Petition for the California High Speed Rail project, Fresno to Merced section

Dear Ms. Brown,

The California High Speed Rail Authority has filed both a Petition for Exemption and a Motion to Dismiss Petition for Exemption regarding construction of the high speed rail system between Fresno and Merced. The Authority states that the Project will be within the State of California and provide only intrastate passenger rail service, and therefore your Board does not have jurisdiction.

The Authority plans to connect to Amtrak, which is an interstate passenger rail system, and the long-term plans for High Speed Rail is a nationwide system which, when built, will connect the west coast to the east coast. How the Authority can say this will be an intrastate rail service within the state and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board does not make sense/

For these reasons, I am opposed to the motion to dismiss and urge you to deny the Motion to Dismiss the Petition for Exemption.

Sincerely,

David Rogers
Supervisor, District 2