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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Subject: Time Extension to Reply to STB Finance Docket No. 35724 (Sub-No. 1), California High-Speed Rail Authority Construction Exemption Fresno to Bakersfield

Dear Ms. Brown,

As a local community member of Hanford, California, who will be adversely impacted as a taxpayer because of this ill-conceived project plan? Clearly, Judge Kinney determined there are serious issues the authority **must** resolve.

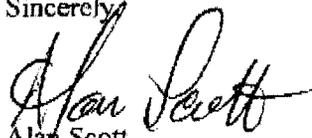
More important is the serious lack of any quantifiable funding sources. It is abundantly clear that this project should not move forward until the funding for the entire routing is identified and in the bank to protect the taxpayers of California and the other 49 states since there are ARRA funds involved.

Therefore, I would respectfully ask the Surface Transportation Board (STB) extend the open review period for the petition filed on behalf of the California High Speed Rail Authority (Authority), which was filed on September 26, 2013. As an impacted citizen as well as a very concerned community member, I was only made aware of this petition in early December 2013 as it was reported in the local media.

My involvement in this project and the grave impacts that are to be incurred if allowed to proceed now warrant my direct attention and participation. With over 2.5 years of direct knowledge and active engagement in this project, I wish to provide future information to your agency either individually or through our local community groups that are working on this project. In order to do this effectively, I along with our community need more time. The allocated time for review is insufficient and further complicated with the holiday season.

I request that the STB extend the public review period to January 31, 2014 to allow a sufficient time for myself and our community to provide effective comments, while allowing us to cope with the joys of Christmas and the New Years. I also request that all future petitions, ruling and/or public notices regarding the California High Speed Rail Project be directly sent to me for notification.

Sincerely,



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