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Dear Mr. Boren:

As co-chairs of Fresno Works, we respectfully request the Fresno COG Policy Board to consider supporting the attached resolution reaffirming support for the high-speed rail project and the location of the heavy and light maintenance facilities, train manufacturing, passenger station, and training facility in Fresno County. We would like to request this resolution be placed on the October 2016 Policy Board meeting agenda.

High Speed-Rail will create thousands of jobs in the Central Valley. In fact, it has already employed hundreds of Fresno County residents. In a region plagued by perpetually higher unemployment rates than national and statewide averages, this project is a job creation game changer.

Alternative modes of transportation such as high-speed rail are necessary—with an exponentially increasing population—to not only alleviate traffic congestion and road deterioration, but also to improve our air quality by reducing greenhouse gas and other emissions.

Furthermore, your support of this resolution reaffirming support for the high-speed rail project, in turn supports the creation of thousands of jobs, improved air quality, and much more.

Thank you for your consideration of this resolution reaffirming support for the high-speed rail project and the location of its facilities in Fresno County.

Respectfully,

Co-Chair Henry Perea
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