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September 23, 2014

The Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice,
and Associate Justices
California Supreme Court
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: High Speed Rail Authority v. Superior Court, S220926
Amicus Curiae Letter Supporting Petitions for Review

Honorable Justices of the California Supreme Court:

Pursuant to the California Rules of Court, rule 8.500(g), I submit this letter in support of the petitions for review in this case.

As the California State Senator for the Sixteenth Senate District, which represents portions of the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, and Tulare, my constituents will be the first to be impacted by the California High-Speed Rail project. Many questions about the overall project have been raised at the local, state, and federal levels.

Of specific concern is the legitimate use of Proposition 1A bond funds as approved by the voters on November 8, 2008, as well as the appropriation of said bond funds by the High-Speed Rail Authority without an open and accountable process as required by law.

These issues need to be addressed, and I believe that the Supreme Court should accept the case on behalf of the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Vidak".

Andy Vidak
Senator, 16th District

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I, Scott Seekatz, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the State of California, residing or employed in Sacramento, California.

I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to the above-entitled action.

My business address is State Capitol Room 3082, Sacramento, California 95814.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed this 24th day of September, 2014, at Sacramento, California.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Seekatz", written over a horizontal line.

SCOTT SEEKATZ