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September 30, 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 Senate Republican Leader and representative of the 29th Senate District, I must emphasize that there is growing concerns at the local, state and federal levels regarding the California High Speed Rail project. 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.

The bond measure's requirement of a preliminary plan identifying funding sources and certifying environmental clearances prior to legislative review, clearly was approved by the voters as a serious matter of public accountability. 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 that reads "Bob Huff".

Bob Huff
Senator, 29th District