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The Honorable Jim Beall
Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1594 (Bloom) - CO-SPONSOR

Dear Senator Beall:

I write on behalf of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, to express our strong support for AB 1594 (Bloom), which would provide an important clarification in state law allowing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority's (LA Metro) to use alternative construction delivery methods for their rapid transit system.

Government agencies are under a tremendous amount of pressure to operate as efficiently as possible while also delivering high quality services and infrastructure. The option to utilize public private partnerships (P3s) and design-build has proven highly useful to deliver urgently needed projects, from transportation to courthouses and water infrastructure. As California's population grows and cities increase in density, it is imperative for public agencies to have delivery methods such as P3s available in order finance mass transit projects such as passenger rail.

California is a global leader in climate change policy. It can achieve the ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals by allowing for innovative project delivery methods such as P3s that ensure the prevailing wage will be paid to construction workers building and maintaining transportation infrastructure. We are proud to co-sponsor AB 1594 (Bloom) and respectfully urge you to vote YES when it comes before you in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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cc: Members, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
The Honorable Richard Bloom, California State Assembly

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