

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 17, 2009

Mr. Joseph C. Szabo
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Szabo:

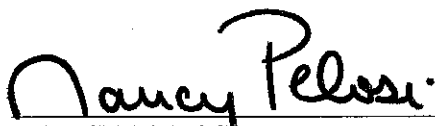
As Members of Congress from the state of California, we write in advance of California's high-speed passenger rail application for federal stimulus funding to ask for your full support of its request. In February 2009, Congress passed and the President signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which included \$8 billion dollars for competitive high-speed rail grants.

As you are aware, California has made significant progress on a statewide high-speed rail system. Last November, California passed Proposition 1A, a \$9 billion high-speed rail bond, and became the only state in the nation which has passed a high-speed rail measure, demonstrating its financial and stakeholder commitment. Ten years of planning have gone into preparing for construction, financing, and operation of a California high-speed train network. California is ready to move on segments that can be operational, produce revenue and lay the groundwork for completion of the entire train system. California is therefore, uniquely positioned to receive and quickly utilize stimulus funds.

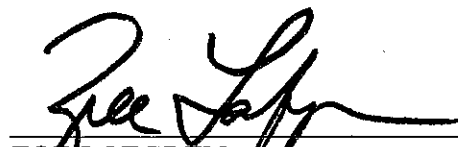
This is a critical point in our nation's transportation and economic history. Now is the time to upgrade our passenger rail systems, which will alleviate traffic and help our environment, and will also create much-needed jobs. Investing in high-speed rail in California will change the fabric of our state and our country, and will help in the development of jobs and local economies.

We urge you to fully fund California's high-speed rail application, and we will continue to make innovative and forward thinking transit investments, such as high-speed passenger rail, a federal priority.

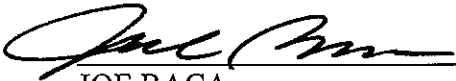
Sincerely,





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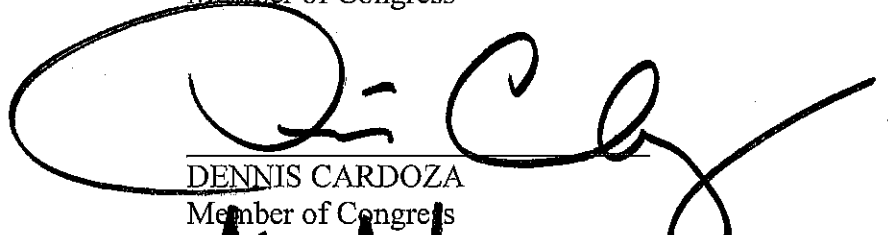



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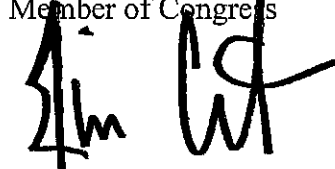

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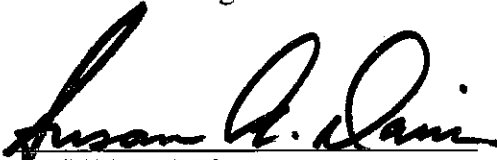

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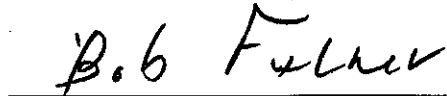

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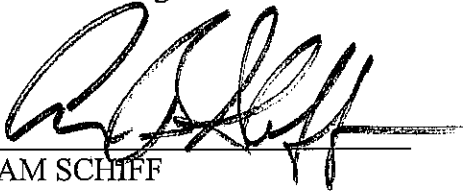

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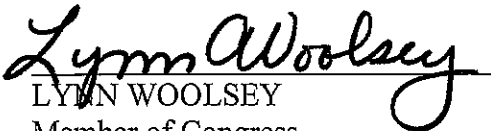
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