



September 10, 2012

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1779 (Galgiani) Intercity Rail Agreements – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the California Transit Association, I ask you to **sign AB 1779 (Galgiani)**. **AB 1779** reauthorizes a locally-controlled JPA (until June 30, 2015), to assume administrative responsibilities for the state-supported San Joaquin intercity rail passenger service.

The existing Capitol Corridor JPA has shown that there are several potential benefits to local authority administration of intercity passenger service including: the ability to have a stronger voice in advocating for service improvements and expansions; local decision-making that is more responsive and adaptive to passenger issues; the ability to take better advantage of joint marketing and partnerships with local agencies; and more engagement by local communities to support the service. Furthermore, a unified San Joaquin service will facilitate effective integration into the planned High Speed Rail system.

We ask for your **signature** on **AB 1779 (Galgiani)**.

Respectfully,

Gus Khouri
Legislative Director

Cc: The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani