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The Honorable Edmund Gerald Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
10th and L Streets
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for AB1779
The Intercity Passenger Rail Act of 2012

Dear Governor Brown:

The Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board (FRWIB) is pleased to provide this letter of support for Assembly Bill (AB) 1779, which would enable the transfer of administrative responsibility of the San Joaquin Intercity Passenger Rail Service from the Department of Transportation to a new joint powers authority (Authority).

We appreciate that AB1779 follows the model of the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and is permissive legislation which would enable regional governance/management of the existing San Joaquin Intercity Passenger Rail Service between Bakersfield, Fresno, Stockton, Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area.

We support extending the time for creating the Authority and executing an interagency transfer agreement with the Department of Transportation. In order to transfer responsibility of the San Joaquin Intercity Passenger Rail Service to the Authority, AB1779 will require that the transfer must result in administrative or operating cost reductions.

With more efficient administration and stronger local/regional support, a regionally managed San Joaquin Intercity Passenger Rail Service will result in improved service and increases in ridership and revenue. Increases in the San Joaquin Intercity Passenger Rail Service and ridership will result in more jobs, which is particularly encouraging to the FRWIB. Increased service could also provide more reliable and frequent transportation options for workers in remote communities, thereby creating greater access to larger job pools, which is supported by the FRWIB.

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Intercity passenger rail is environmentally friendly and the state has a continuing interest in the provision of cost-effective and efficiently administered intercity passenger rail services. We request that you sign AB1779.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blake Konczal".

Blake G. Konczal
Executive Director

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