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

**RE: Assembly Bill 1779 (Galgiani) Intercity Passenger
Rail Agreements**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT), I write to express support for 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.

RT has been working diligently over the past year in concert with other agencies in the Central Valley to pursue this legislative effort to establish a regionally managed San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service. AB 1779 would enable regional governance/management of the existing San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service between Bakersfield-Fresno-Stockton-Sacramento-SF Bay Area and will help with improvements in frequencies of service, with commensurate increases in ridership and revenue. Moreover, increases in San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service and ridership will in turn result in additional jobs, improved air quality, and will help promote sustainable development throughout the Central Valley.

For these reasons, on behalf of RT, I respectfully urge you to sign AB 1779 into law when it reaches your desk. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Wiley
General Manager/CEO

c: The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani
Mark Watts, Smith, Watts & Martinez
Josh Shaw, California Transit Association
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