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The Honorable Christine Kehoe  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Kehoe:

On behalf of the California Transit Association, I ask you to **SUPPORT AB 1779 (Galgiani)**. **AB 1779** reauthorizes a locally-controlled JPA (until December 31, 2013), 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 **support** of **AB 1779 (Galgiani)**.

Respectfully,

Gus Khouri  
Legislative Director

Cc: Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani  
Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee