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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani
17th Assembly District

FROM: Mark Watts

DATE: July 25, 2012

SUBJECT: AB 1779: Intercity Rail Agreement: San Joaquin Corridor - Support

On behalf of our client, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), I am pleased to inform you that they have taken a position in support of your bill, AB 1779, which enables the transfer of administrative responsibility of the San Joaquin intercity passenger rail service from Caltrans to a new joint powers authority similar to the successful Capitol Corridor model.

With respect to Section 14074.2(a)(10) of your bill, CCTA respectfully requests that the Contra Costa representative be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. Suggested language to this effect accompanies this memorandum.

Thank you for authoring this important legislation and for considering this request. If you, or your staff, have any questions about this position or our suggested amendment, please contact me at 916 446-5508.