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Dan Richard  
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Dear Chairman Richard:

As a Californian and Member of Congress, I am enthusiastic about the ongoing construction of the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) line. This project is putting Californians to work, creating desperately needed construction jobs and opportunities for small businesses across the state.

I write today as the Representative of my community, the San Fernando Valley. As the California High Speed Rail Authority studies alignment options through the Valley to Burbank, I ask that you make every effort to consider the issues and concerns raised by local residents. While I understand that every option will have impacts on homes, businesses, and commuters, I urge you to consider building the least disruptive route that will keep the HSR line below ground.

Once completed, High-Speed Rail will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, spur economic development, and provide Angelenos with another option to travel to San Francisco and our state capital. While I fully support these efforts and outcomes, we must balance the needs of local communities and keep the character of neighborhoods intact.

I look forward to working with you and your team to make this project a success and a model for the rest of the nation. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss this letter, please do not hesitate to reach me at (202) 225-6131.

Sincerely,

  
TONY CÁRDENAS  
Member of Congress